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DEDICATION

To my beloved husband Tyler, may he fulfill his dream of going into space someday.

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This is dedicated to all the friends and family who supported me in my journey, I love you all so very much.

Please Read Before Spellcasting

My name is Zwahk, I'm a green witch from Seattle. This book is a collection of my spells and spiritual recipes for love, prosperity, protection, stopping gossip, purification and so much more. For a bit of variety I've also included a bunch of reviews of occult-related books and movies as well as one of my satirical short stories as a closer.

Many of the spells featured in this book rely on the use of fire, always have a fire extinguisher close at hand when working with candles or activated charcoal. Only you can prevent witchcraft fires.

If you decide to create some of the spiritual oil recipes from this book be sure to keep the oils out of direct sunlight. Only put dried herbs in your oils, fresh herbs can rot after a few weeks. When I say "repeat the above process" in the recipes throughout this book I just mean repeat saying certain sets of words or shaking something a set amount of times. Properly charging and filling a spiritual recipe with intention usually takes several days worth of work but the results are worth it.

At several points I will suggest getting rid of the remains of spells by leaving them at a crossroads. This is any place where 2 roads intersect. Don't leave your spell remains at a busy intersection, you could get hit by a car.

Don't be worried if your spell doesn't take effect immediately, sometimes it can take months for manifestation to occur. After completing a spell, write notes about what you did in a journal and then forget about it as if it never happened. It's best not to dwell on whether or not a spell is working, this can lead to self-doubt that sabotages the results. Part of whether a spell will work or not depends on an individual's karma,

everyone has lessons they need to learn in this life and if the intention of a spell interferes with your karmic path it may not take effect.

At several points I will suggest cleansing the inside and outside of objects with incense smoke. Unless I specifically say otherwise a regular piece of Nag Champa stick incense will get the job done. Incense smoke helps to cleanse the energy attached to an item.

It's important to spiritually purify yourself before and after casting a spell. When you perform magick you're creating energetic connections with other people, places and spirits, after a while this can leave you feeling really out of sorts or overwhelmed unless you cleanse your energy. Purification rituals have the same effect on your spirit as clearing the cache has on your phone. There are several methods of purification described throughout this book.

Keep in mind that I'm only one voice among many. This book is not the end-all when it comes to magick, if you've never explored witchcraft before think of this as more of an introduction to a wider world of strange wonders. If you have any questions my contact info is at the back of the book, drop me a line and I'll get back to you as soon as I can, that all being said, let's get to work!

Salt, The Great And Powerful

Salt is a powerful compound that can be used for protection, healing and purification spells. Himalayan salt and sea salt are popular among many practitioners but if you're strapped for cash you can be quite effective performing spiritual work with regular table salt.

To keep spirit companions from bothering you at bedtime, sprinkle small amounts of salt in the corners of your room. Your spiritual helpers will be able to travel around the rest of the house but they won't be able to enter your room. Keep in mind that salt can attract ants so if you live in a tropical area sprinkling salt around the home might not be a good idea.

If you wish to cast a healing or protection candle spell carve the patient's name into the candle, anoint the candle with olive oil and then sprinkle salt all over it. Light it with a match and let it burn all the way down. You can also sprinkle a ring of salt around the base of the candle if you wish.

If you need to purify your energy draw a hot bath and dissolve ½ cup epsom salt in the water. Light a few tea lights, add a few drops of your favorite essential oils to the water and take a relaxing soak.

Cinnamon, One Of The Greatest Of Spiritual Spices

Cinnamon is one of the most effective spellcrafting ingredients that can be purchased at the grocery store. The bark of the Cinnamon Tree can be burned or added to magick bags and candle spells to speed up results, aid in healing, provide spiritual protection, draw prosperity and attract love.

If you wish to draw passion and romance burn a Cinnamon Stick as incense by lighting the tip. Allow the smoke to fill your home and cover your body from head to foot. If you're more of a kitchen witch try adding some Cinnamon to a recipe that you intend to serve to the one you feel passionate for. Burning Cinnamon Sticks also raises the vibration of an area and clears away negative energy.

To ward off bad luck and provide protection tie together 7 Cinnamon Sticks and place the bundles above the front and back doorway. Cinnamon essential oil makes a great addition to many different spiritual oil recipes, although people with sensitive skin should avoid direct contact with the undiluted essential oil. A few drops of Cinnamon essential oil diluted with several tbsp. of carrier oil such as grapeseed oil or olive oil should be safe to handle regardless of skin type.

The fiery energy of Cinnamon is very purifying. If you regularly use divination runes or tarot cards it's a good idea to pack them away with some Cinnamon Sticks, otherwise your divination tools can end up with all kinds of rampant energies attached to them.

To make a Cinnamon money charm you will need a $1 dollar bill, some powdered Cinnamon or Cinnamon essential oil and a gold-colored pen. Write your name on the bill. Rub Cinnamon essential oil or Cinnamon Bark

all over the side of the bill with your name on it. Say "Attract Money And Good Fortune" over the bill 7 times. Fold the bill in half and roll it towards you to bring the financial opportunities coming in your direction. Fold the bill in half again and tie it together with some gold or silver-colored string, keep it in your wallet or purse. Cinnamon is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of fire and the Sun.

Cloves For Stopping Gossip

Cloves can be used to stop gossip, increase good luck, attract friendship and prevent hexes. This spice has a very dominating energy and can be added to spells designed to gain control over others. Burning Clove Buds on activated charcoal once a week can help draw good fortune into your home.

To stop an enemy from gossiping about you carve their name into a red candle. Place a picture of the target on a table and write a message over the picture that says "Stop Gossiping About Me!". Anoint the candle with Clove essential oil and place it on top of the picture of your enemy, say the following words 7 times-

"Shut Your Mouth, Hold Your Tongue, You Will Slander Me No More!"

Let the candle burn for an hour and then snuff it out. Repeat the above process every night until the candle has burned all the way down. At this point wrap up all of the remains of the spell including the photograph and leave them at a crossroads or somewhere out in the middle of the woods or desert. A method that can be used to carry the dominant energy of Cloves throughout the day is a laundry spell. Throw your clothing into the washing machine and add 10-15 drops of Clove essential oil, say "Obey Me!" in your most powerful voice 9 times over your clothing before starting the wash. Cloves are associated with the astrological sign of aquarius, the element of fire and the planet Jupiter.

Patchouli For Passion

Patchouli is helpful in spells for passionate love, money. To help attract financial opportunities anoint your wallet or purse with Patchouli essential oil once a week. Patchouli incense can be burned to promote relaxation and relieve depression.

To cast a Patchouli passion spell carve your name and the name of your beloved into a red candle so that the names intersect. Anoint the candle with Patchouli essential oil. Place the candle on your altar and light it with a match, say the following words over the candle 7 times-

"Bring Romance, Love And Passion, Ignite The Fires Of Desire!"

After the candle has burned for a couple hours snuff it out. Repeat this process every night until the candle has melted all the way down. Wrap the wax remains in red or pink cloth and hide them in your bedroom or leave them at a crossroads. You can also shape some of the wax remains into the form of a heart and add the item to a love-drawing magick bag. Patchouli is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of earth and the planet Saturn.

Magnetic Lodestones

Lodestones are small magnetic stones used primarily in attraction spells. They can be carried on your person in a silk or flannel bag or placed at the base of a ritual candle in order to help attract a new job, lover, friendship or opportunities. In love spells it is best to use rounded lodestones if you're trying to attract a female and pointed lodestones if you're trying to attract a male. Witches often use lodestones as a pair in love spells but if the goal is to attract something other than love a single Lodestone will work.

Lodestones need regular maintenance and feeding in order to continue functioning properly. Every 2-3 weeks sprinkle Magnetic Sand on your Lodestones, if the sand sticks they are ready to go, if the sand does not stick the Lodestones will have to be replaced.

DIY Spiritual Intention Oils

One of the most popular items used in spells are spiritual oils. These oils are charged with a certain intention that can easily be used to anoint a ritual candle, magick bags or even yourself with a physical version of that intention. Saying particular clusters of words over a bottle of oil again and again for several days helps to charge the oil with your intention but the methods below add that extra kick to the oil that often leads to full manifestation of a spell.

The 1st charging method involves the use of Clear Quartz Crystal. This stone amplifies energy and intention. To charge your oils with Clear Quartz Crystal place a small piece into the bottle of oil. You can also place a large piece of Clear Quartz Crystal on your altar and set each bottle of oil up against it. It's a good idea to occasionally cleanse the energy of your charging crystals with a salt bath.

The 2nd charging technique uses fire energy. Start by wiping down a white or red candle with Florida Water Cologne or bathing it in Frankincense smoke. Set it up on your altar. Place the bottle of oil at the base of the candle. Light the candle with a match. Perform a visualization exercise in which you imagine pulling brilliant energy out of the flame and into the bottle by the force of your own will, do this for as long as you are capable of focusing on the task at hand. When you have completed this fire-charging process snuff the candle out. Repeat the process every night until the candle has burned all the way down. This method requires the most work but yields the greatest results.

The 3rd technique is by far the simplest. If you don't have access to Clear Quartz Crystal and can't use candles you can shake the bottle several

times everyday for about a week. This will be the technique I refer to in the recipes throughout this book but you can use the other techniques of charging if you wish.

The drawback of the shaking method is that over time the essential oils in the recipes will lose a lot of their scent. The spiritual essence of the plants will still be present and the oil will work for your spells but they won't smell as lovely. For best results be sure to charge your oils every 6 months.

Attraction Oil Recipe

This oil is designed to help attract new romance, friendships or whatever else you wish to draw into your life.

To create this recipe you will need 1 small freshly-fed Lodestone, ½ tsp Magnetic Sand, ¼ cup olive oil, 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, 3 drops Cinnamon essential oil, 3 drops Patchouli essential oil and 3 drops Clove essential oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place the Lodestone and Magnetic Sand into the glass bottle. Pour the olive oil, essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E into the bottle and screw on the lid. Gently give the bottle 7 shakes and say the following words over it 7 times-

"That Which I Desire, Come To Me! Prosperity, Luck, Love and Friendship, Come To Me!"

Place the bottle in a cool, dry place. Repeat the above process every night for 10 nights, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

Attraction oil can be added to hair care products such as pomade and hair gel or worn as a magnetic perfume. Attraction oil can also be used to anoint ritual candles, crystals, sigils, magick bags and ceremonial tools.

Blessing Oil Recipe

Blessing oil creates protective holy energy, this oil can be used any time you wish to cast a blessing spell.

To create blessing oil you will need ¼ cup olive oil, 1 tsp Basil, 7 drops Myrrh essential oil and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place the Basil into the bottle. Heat the olive oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid. Shake the bottle 7 times, leave it to cool down on the countertop. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Light Of The Sun, Light Of The Moon, Hear My Prayer, Bring Blessings And Holy Energy!"

Place the bottle on your altar, each day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

If you wish to use this recipe to create holy energy anoint white candles with the oil and place them around the area in need of a blessing. Light them with a match, as the candles burn imagine a gentle blue light filling the space. The power of these blessed candles will help produce the energy of healing and peace.

Romance Powder Recipe

Romance powder is ideal for drawing a new lover or increasing the passion in a pre-existing relationship.

To create this recipe you will need 1 glass mason jar, ½ tsp powdered Cinnamon, 1 tsp sugar, ¼ cup corn or tapioca starch, 4 drops Rose essential oil and 4 drops Orange essential oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of the jar with incense smoke.

Combine all the ingredients in the jar and shake it vigorously for at least 30-60 seconds. Place a piece of Rose Quartz Crystal in the middle of the mixture. Say the following words over the mixture 7 times-

"My Life Is Filled With Desire, Romance And Passion, I Am Happy And Joyful."

Screw on the lid of the jar and hide it in a cool, dry place. Repeat the above process for 10 nights and your powder will be ready for use.

The best way to use romance powder is to sprinkle a small amount in your undergarments, socks and the tips of your shoes. You can sprinkle a small amount under your mattress, couch cushions or in other areas where you wish to attract amorous attention.

Evil Away Oil Recipe

This recipe is designed to help remove curses and hexes, it can also be used to banish bad habits and negative influences from your environment or to anoint cursed objects to drive attached evil spirits out of your home.

To create this recipe you will need ⅓ cup mustard oil, 4 drops Rosemary essential oil, 3 drops Hyssop essential oil, 7 Black Pepper Kernels, 1 piece Angelica Root, 1 dried Lemon Rind and 15 drops of jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all the dried ingredients within the bottle, tell each item that its job is to help you remove destructive influences from your life. Heat the mustard oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the jar. Screw on the lid and shake it 7 times. Leave the bottle on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Banish Curses, Banish Hexes, Banish Evil Spirits, Banish Evil Behavior!"

Place the oil in a cool, dry place. Every morning for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

To use this oil on yourself take a hot salt bath and soak for at least 20 minutes. After you have left the tub and dried yourself anoint your hands and the tops and bottoms of your feet with the oil. Repeat this process every day for 7 days.

To banish an evil spirit attached to something in your house anoint the cursed object with a few drops of evil away oil every day for 7 days while

saying the above prayer. This oil can also be used to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, crystals and sigils.

Powerful Queen Oil Recipe

This oil is ideal for women and feminine men who wish to have more power and control in their lives while maintaining an air of beauty.

To create this recipe you will need ¼ cup sweet almond oil, ½ tsp ground Licorice Root, ½ tsp Orris Root, ½ tsp ground Lovage Root, 4 drops Clove essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and the outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all the dried ingredients into the bottle, tell each item that its job is to give you the aura of a glamorous queen. Heat the sweet almond oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated almond oil into the bottle, screw on the lid and shake the bottle 7 times. Leave the bottle on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Bow Down Before My Beauty, Kneel Before My Glamour, I Am The Gilded Hammer."

Hide the bottle in a cool, dark place. Every night for 10 nights repeat the above process, at the end of the 10th session your oil will be ready.

To use beautiful queen oil comb a few drops through your hair every morning after showering or use it as a moisturizer. This oil can be used to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, amulets, sigils, crystals and ceremonial tools.

Loving Roses

Rose Blossoms can be used for casting a variety of love spells. To cast a love spell with Roses start by finding appropriately colored flowers to match your intention. Red Roses work well for Passion spells, Pink Roses are better for friendly sweet-love spells, White Roses work well in marriage spells.

After you have acquired 3 properly-colored Rose Blossoms get a red candle and anoint it with Rose essential oil. Mix together ½ tsp powdered Cinnamon and ½ tsp sugar and sprinkle the mixture all over the candle. Place the Rose Blossoms around the base of the candle and light the wick with a match. Say prayers of your intentions over the flame. The best time to perform this ritual is an hour before you go to bed. Keep focusing on the flame until you begin to become tired and then snuff out the candle. Repeat this process every night until the candle has burned all the way down.

After you are done gather together the remains of the spell and bury it in the dirt underneath a potted plant. Place the potted plant by the front door to attract new love or place it by the back door to improve the love you have. Roses produce a very positive, high vibration so if the energy in a room feels stagnant you can give it a lift by placing a single rose in a vase of water and setting it on a desk or table. Roses are associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of water, and the planet Venus.

Lavender For Soothing

Lavender has a very calm, soothing energy which puts the body into a deep state of relaxation. You can add dried Lavender Flowers to a dream pillow along with similar herbs such as Mugwort, Chamomile and Hops to assist in promoting a peaceful night's rest.

In domination work Lavender is very helpful because Lavender puts the target into a relaxed state of mind, thus making them more suggestable. This makes it easier to implant an idea into their mind such as "so-and-so is really cute" or "I need to go to detox". When casting this kind of spell it's best to use a skull-shaped candle. Carve the person's name into the forehead and anoint the candle with Lavender essential oil. Hold the skull in your hand at night while the person is sleeping and whisper suggestions to it as if you were whispering into the person's ear.

If you suspect you are being drained by energetic parasites one method for getting rid of them is to take an epsom salt bath with 7 drops of Lavender essential oil mixed into the bath water every night for 7 nights. Lavender is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Oranges for Happiness

The fruit of the Orange Tree carries the energy of pure happiness. It can be added to any spell designed to attract love, prosperity and abundance.

Orange Fruit makes an excellent offering for spirits because of how juicy it is. The sugar in the Orange gives spirits more energy to go out and perform whatever task they may have agreed to perform for you.

To create an Orange spice abundance jar you will need ½ cup dried Orange Peel, 2 tbsp Clove Buds, 1 tbsp Allspice Berries, 3 Cinnamon Chips, a $1 bill and 1 whole Nutmeg. Mix the ingredients by hand and say these words over the mixture 7 times-

"Delightful Spices, Delicate Orange, Bring Me Abundance, Bring Me Joy, Bring Me Prosperity!"

Place the mixture into a glass jar. Shake the jar firmly with both hands, the harder you shake it the more energy will be built up. When your arm gets tired place the jar near the kitchen window and put a small candle on top of it.

Light the wick with a match and leave the candle burning while you keep busy in the kitchen. You can spend this time cleaning, cooking, organizing, paying your bills, studying or doing whatever else needs to get done. After a couple hours snuff out the candle. Repeat the above process every night until the candle has burned all the way down.

Take the jar and put it in your pantry or wherever you store the majority of your dried and/or canned food. Once a month take the Orange spice jar out of the pantry and repeat the shaking and candle burning process to keep the spell going. Oranges are associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Hibiscus For Self Love

If you suffer from a lack of self-esteem Hibiscus Flowers might be able to help. These lovely flowers are a popular ingredient in love spells and can allow you to have more love for yourself.

To create an incense that can be burned anytime you're feeling worthless mix together 2 tbsp dried Hibiscus Flowers with 1 tbsp Frankincense Resin in a small glass or ceramic bowl. Say the following words over the incense 7 times-

"I Have Worth, I Have Value, I Deserve Love And Respect!"

To use this incense burn ½-1 tsp on activated charcoal, allow the smoke to cover you from head to foot. Hibiscus is associated with the astrological sign of aquarius, the element of water and the planet Venus.

Romantic Couple Candle Spell

This spell is designed to increase the passion and desire between 2 people in a relationship. For this spell you will need 1 Red Rose, 1 red couples figure candle, 1 pen, 4 Chocolates, a 4×4 inch piece of paper, Patchouli essential oil, Cinnamon essential oil and Orange essential oil.

Take the piece of paper and across the top, middle and bottom write the phrase-

"I, (your name) And My Partner, (your partner's name) Have A Fun, Sexy, Romantic Relationship."

Turn the piece of paper once in a clockwise direction and in large all-capital letters write a word that best demonstrates what you're trying to accomplish with the spell across the top, middle, and bottom. The word might be "romance", "passion" or something of that nature. Turn the paper clockwise one more time and sign your signature 3 times as if you were endorsing a check. Alternatively you can put on some lipstick and seal the petition with a kiss.

Place the piece of paper under a plate. Anoint the candle with 1 drop of each essential oil. Carve your name into the part of the candle that best represents you and carve the name of your partner on the part of the candle that best represents them.

Place the candle in the middle of the plate. Remove the petals from the Red Rose and scatter them around the base of the candle. Place the Chocolates around the base of the candle. If you're with your partner, light your part of the candle with a match and have them light their part of the candle with a match. If you're casting the spell alone light both wicks yourself. Say the following words over the candle 7 times-

"Passion, Love, Desire, Romance, We Are One, We Are Together, Our Love Is Strong"

Let the candle burn for about an hour before snuffing it out. Repeat the ritual every night until the candle has burned all the way down. Bury the remains of the spell under a potted plant by the back door to keep the romance and passion going strong in your relationship. Light the petition on fire and sprinkle the ashes in the corners of the bedroom.

Archangel Michael Servitor Oil Recipe

This recipe produces a powerful servitor version of the Archangel Michael, an excellent entity to have on call if you need somebody to watch your back.

To create this oil combine ¼ cup olive oil, 3 freshly roasted Coffee Beans, 3 pieces Master Root, 2 Cinnamon Chips, 7 drops Ginger essential oil, 7 drops Cinnamon essential oil, 7 drops Orange essential oil and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil together in a glass bottle that has been cleansed inside and out with Frankincense smoke. Shake the bottle 7 times and say the following prayer of St. Michael over its contents-

"St. Michael The Archangel, Defend Us In Battle. Be Our Protection Against The Malice And Snares Of The Devil. May God Rebuke Him, We Humbly Pray, And Do You, O' Prince Of The Heavenly Host, By The Divine Power, Thrust Into Hell Satan And All Evil Spirits Who Prowl About The World, Seeking The Ruin Of Souls, Amen."

Every day for 14 days charge the oil with a candle that has been anointed with Rose essential oil. Imagine small sparks of electricity are being pulled from the flame of the candle directly into the oil by the force of your own will. Shake the oil 7 times and repeat the above prayer over its contents. After the 14th session your oil will be ready.

To summon the servitor angel rub a few drops of the oil in the palms of your hands and clap 3 times. Alternatively you can anoint a candle with the oil and light it with a match.

How To Use Divination Cards

A divination deck is a series of cards featuring artwork, numbers, words, and symbols designed to assist in fortune-telling. While tarot cards are the most popular form of divination decks there's a great variety of different cards on the market.

If you can't afford to buy a divination deck you can turn an ordinary pack of playing cards into fortune-telling cards by writing down the meaning of each individual card on a separate sheet of paper. As an example the ace of hearts might mean you are getting lucky in love.

Cleanse the cards with incense smoke when you open a fresh deck. Shuffle the cards as if you're handling a deck of playing cards. When a little voice inside your head tells you to stop, put the cards aside.

Take the top card from the deck and put it in front of you. Take the next card off the top of the deck and place it to the right of the first card. Take one more card off the top of the deck and put it to the right of the second card.

The 1st card represents elements from the past that will affect what is going on now as well as in the future. The 2nd card represents the present moment and things going on behind the scenes. The 3rd card represents the future that is to come if you continue on your current course of action.

Make sure that you cleanse the cards with incense smoke regularly if you're performing readings for other people. Store your cards with some Mugwort, Coffee Beans or Cinnamon Sticks if possible to keep them powered up. Don't ask the cards the same question reworded over and over, the cards may start sending you sarcastic answers to teach you a lesson.

Aleister Crowley Collection (Volume 1) Book Review

This volume binds together "The Book of the Law", "The Book of Lies" and "Diary of a Drug Fiend". "The Book of the Law" is an esoteric freeform poem Mr. Crowley wrote on his honeymoon with his first wife, he later turned it into the holy book of his philosophy of Thelema.

"The Book of Lies" comes off like a journal Mr. Crowley is keeping while on a trip to Europe. He randomly talks about his new girlfriend, delicious meals he's eating, various occult-related things that pop into his head while he's on the train and things of that nature.

"Diary of a Drug Fiend" tells the semi-autobiographical story of Mr. Crowley and his first wife and how their marriage failed. Mr. Crowley brings a real talent for creating interesting, memorable characters and putting forth vivid descriptions of every setting into his story. Unfortunately at the end of the book where the story should have concluded (that being where the couple split up because the drugs have destroyed their love) Mr. Crowley puts a self-insert character called Lamus into the primary role of the book and the last few dozen pages turn into a soapbox for Mr. Crowley to talk about Thelema.

If you want to learn more about Mr. Crowley and his work this collection is a wonderful starting point.

"Simon, King of the Witches" Movie Review

"Don't touch me, I'm a religious object". "Simon, King Of The Witches" is a 1971 witch exploitation film put out by Hollywood in an attempt to cash in on the fads of the time period. This review is heavy on spoilers so if you want to be surprised by the events in this film skip to the last paragraph.

Simon (Andrew Prine) is that one guy everyone in the occult community has met at some point, the one who takes himself too seriously and who is always going on about his amazing powers.

At the beginning of the movie Simon is arrested for vagrancy. While in lockup he makes the acquaintance of a young hustler named Hercules (Gerald York). Simon uses magick to bind Hercules to his will and they head off on a series of what can only be properly called magical shenanigans. Simon puts an enchantment on a young woman named Linda (Breanda Scott), she falls in love with him as a result and they get involved with each other. As far as I can tell the only reason this relationship is in the film is because the filmmakers didn't want the audience to think Hercules and Simon were romantically interested in each other, Simon and Hercules seem to have far more sexual chemistry than Simon has with Linda, or perhaps that's just my interpretation.

The men get involved with dangerous drug dealers and end up in the middle of a government conspiracy. Eventually Simon and Hercules part ways. Simon gives in to his darkest inclinations by sacrificing a man to the ancient god Moloch in exchange for greater power. Karma catches up with Simon and at the end of the film he dies violently.

This was a very strange movie, I found myself laughing at it throughout but I couldn't figure out if the filmmakers had tried to make a serious

movie and failed spectacularly or if the film was cheesy and goofy on purpose. The portrayal of witchcraft was partially accurate, although there's one scene with a bunch of wiccans and actress Ultra Violet that's pretty far off the mark. If you want to put on a movie for your next coven meeting this will work so long as you have a few gallons of hard cider on hand.

Master Root For Psychic Mastery

Master Root (masterwort) is a powerful psychic plant that emanates the energy of strength, courage and protection. A 6-inch stalk of the root can be broken up into 20-30 pieces, each of which can be added to a different work or spiritual recipe to enhance its power.

Carry a piece of Master Root on your person when summoning spirits, it increases the ability to perceive and communicate with such entities and gives you an air of respectability and mastery. Master Root is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Blazing Abramelin Oil Recipe

This is an oil of consecration, purification, protection and illumination. It uses the element of fire to help a practitioner reach their full potential.

For this recipe you will need 1 large red candle, ⅓ cup olive oil, 40 drops Ginger essential oil, 40 drops Cinnamon essential oil, 3 small pieces Master Root, 1 tbsp crushed Frankincense Resin, 1 tbsp crushed Myrrh Resin and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the red candle with Frankincense smoke.

Anoint the candle with Ginger essential oil and Cinnamon essential oil, set the candle aside. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with Florida Water Cologne or Frankincense smoke.

Add all the dried ingredients into the bottle, be sure to instruct them that their job is to enhance your power and burn away the constraints of your ego. Add the olive oil, essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil into the bottle and screw on the cap. Shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over its contents 7 times-

"Oh Holy Oil, Ignite The Fire Of Consecration, Oh Holy Oil, Engulf My Soul In The Flames Of Purification.

Oh Holy Oil, Allow My Ability To Shine Forth From The Heavens As Brilliant As A Star!"

Place the bottle at the base of the red candle, make sure the wax and the bottle are touching each other. Light the candle with a match. Visualize beams of white light being pulled out of the flame and redirected into the oil by the force of your own will.

While you are doing so envision walls of flame around you so bright and so hot that anything that comes at you with harmful intentions will be

blinded and burned.

Engage in this process of visualization for 1-2 hours, preferably at the time of day when the sun is highest in the sky. When you're done snuff out the candle. Repeat the above process every day for 14 days in a row. After the 14th session is done your oil will be ready. The best way to activate the oil is to place a few drops in the palm of your hand and rub them together. The oil can also be used to anoint ceremonial tools, magick bags, ritual candles, sigils and crystals.

Ginger Root To Heat Up and Speed Up Spells

Ginger Root adds power and speed to any spell by "heating things up". Usually this light-brown spice is used in love, protection and money spells.

To use Ginger to help attract money anoint your wallet or purse with Ginger essential oil on payday. You can rub powdered Ginger on a $2 bill and carry it with you as a good luck charm.

Chewing on raw Ginger before or during a ritual helps to enhance your power. If you can't handle raw Ginger you can chew on candied Ginger instead. Ginger is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

"The Neon Demon" Movie Review

"Are you sex or are you food?" In ancient times there were stories of witches who would consume young people in order to absorb their life essence. "The Neon Demon" asks the question- "If such witches existed today where would they go to find young, beautiful people who wouldn't be missed?" The answer is Hollywood. This review is heavy on spoilers so if you want to be surprised by the events in the movie skip to the last paragraph.

The film follows Jesse (Elle Fanning), a 16-year-old girl from the Midwest who travels to California in hopes of starting a career as a professional model. Along the way she becomes both a friend and rival to 3 other models named Ruby (Jenna Malone), Gigi (Bella Heathcote) and Sarah (Abbie Lee). Jesse has a natural beauty that allows her to steamroll over all her competition. She goes from being a very shy, withdrawn girl to a creature of pure surface and plane. This narcissistic emanation coming from within Jesse is the manifestation of the Neon Demon. Ruby attempts to make love with Jesse but Jesse rejects her. This turns out to be a bad move as Ruby is the head of a coven consisting of her, Sarah and Gigi, they converge on Jesse and tear her to pieces, consuming her flesh and bathing in her blood in hopes that they will be able to absorb her energy of pure youth and beauty. The ritualistic cannibalism seems to work as Sarah and Gigi immediately get a gig working with one of the most famous photographers in the area while Ruby dances around naked, giddy in her garden of macabre delights.

This movie is from the same director as "Drive" and "Only God Forgives". It has many beautiful shots, a dark atmosphere and a wonderful

soundtrack by Cliff Martinez. Keanu Reeves plays a small but very memorable role as a sleazy motel manager and I wish he had been in all of the movie, unfortunately he just disappears halfway through the film. This is not a movie for squeamish people, in addition to the gore it has a rather perverse sex scene. If you're looking for a film that is beautiful and disturbing at the same time give this one a watch.

Orris Root For Attracting The Love Of Men

Orris Root (queen elizabeth root) causes men to fall in love with you. If you're a woman looking to attract the love of men place an Orris Root in a red silk or flannel bag with 1 Red Rosebud and a heart-shaped piece of Rose Quartz Crystal. Breathe into the bag 3 times and tie it closed. Hold the bag in your hand and tell it that its job is to cause men to fall in love with you.

If you're a gay man seeking to gain the love of other gay men place the Orris Root in a red silk or flannel bag along with a High John the Conqueror Root and a piece of Red Carnelian Stone. Breathe into the bag 3 times and tie it shut. Hold it in your hand and tell the bag that its job is to cause other gay men to fall in love with you.

Regardless of your gender anoint the bag with Patchouli essential oil once a week if you wish to give it more power, make sure nobody else touches the bag or it will lose its power. Orris Root is associated with the planet Venus.

High John The Conqueror Root

High John The Conqueror Root is a very powerful plant that grants the user strength, courage and charisma. Carrying this root can help you get a job, a raise, a promotion or win a court case.

The name of High John The Conqueror comes from a folk hero of African American legend. John was a prince in Africa who was brought to America in chains. He was so smart and strong that not only could his master never break him but John would always end up tricking and humiliating his master. This magical plant works best when it is teamed up with other powerful roots like Ginger Root and Master Root.

Powdered Egg Shell Recipe

Powdered Egg Shells can be used as a powerful ingredient in protection spells. The idea is that as an egg forms a powerful shell around a baby you'll be able to create a powerful energetic shield around yourself or the person you wish to protect.

To make Powdered Egg Shells start by setting the oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. Boil the Egg Shells for 2 minutes. Place the Egg Shells on a baking sheet and put them in the oven for 40-50 minutes, make sure the Egg Shells are completely dried out when you remove them from the oven. Place the Egg Shells in a bowl and say prayers of protection over them, proceed to place them in a high powered blender.

Powdered Egg Shells can be sprinkled in a magick circle around yourself in preparation for ritual work or added as an ingredient to spells and recipes designed to bring protection and good luck.

Angelica Root For Angelic Energy

Angelica Root gets its name from its association with the Archangel Michael. This root can be used for protection from hexes, removing curses and enhancing psychic intuition.

To protect your home from spiritual attacks hang Angelica Root in a muslin bag above the front and back doorway. To protect yourself from curses carve your name into a black candle. Anoint the candle with Cinnamon essential oil. Sprinkle powdered Angelica Root all over the wax and light it with a match, say the following prayer over the candle 7 times-

"Angels Of The Heavens, Protect Me, Shield Me from Evil, Drive Away Wicked Spirits." Let the candle burn for an hour and then snuff it out. Repeat the above process every night until the candle has burned all the way down. Place the remains of the spell under a potted plant by the entry door which is used most often in your home.

To counteract the effects of a curse make a hot bath that contains 1 tbsp powdered Angelica Root, 10 drops Rosemary essential oil and ½ cup salt. Mix the water with your arm while saying prayers for healing, protection and blessings.

As you soak in the water imagine the curse energy being pulled out of your pores like a dark black goo. After getting out of the tub do not towel dry, allow yourself to air-dry, you can speed up the process by using a hair dryer if needed. Repeat this bath every night for 7 days. Angelica Root is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of fire and the Sun.

Nutmeg For Good Luck

Nutmeg helps draw financial opportunities and increase the odds of winning at games of chance, especially when used in conjunction with Cinnamon.

To create a gambling magick bag place 1 whole Nutmeg Seed, 3 Cinnamon Chips and 1 High John The Conqueror Root in a red silk or flannel bag. Breathe into the bag 3 times to give it life and tie it shut. Say the following words over the bag 7 times-

"Hot Dice, Hot Money, Lucky Hand Sweet as Honey, Hit That Jackpot, Hear it Ring, To Win Is a Lovely Thing!"

Every time you want to go out gambling anoint the bag with Clove essential oil and hide it on your person, make sure nobody else touches it or it will stop working. Nutmeg is associated with the astrological sign of pisces, the element of air and the planet Jupiter.

Myrrh Resin For Holy Work

Myrrh Resin has been used in spiritual rituals for thousands of years. This incense produces a smoke that exorcises evil energy out of an area and replaces it with holy energy. If you wish to summon angels, saints or other powerful spiritual beings it's a good idea to burn Myrrh Resin along with Frankincense Resin or Copal Resin as part of the ritual.

Myrrh Resin enhances the power of any magical ingredients used in conjunction with it. Myrrh Resin is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of water and the planet Saturn.

Frankincense Resin For Consecration

Frankincense Resin is an amber-colored incense that helps with consecration, purification, illumination and spiritual work. Frankincense smoke can cleanse and increase the energy of ceremonial tools and the ritual work space. Burning Frankincense Resin and Myrrh Resin on activated charcoal greatly enhances your chances of success when you're attempting to summon a spirit. If Frankincense Resin is in short supply Rosemary can be used as a substitution.

Frankincense Resin burns away the ego and brings to light the darkest parts of the psyche, it clears away delusions and makes a great addition to shadow work. Frankincense Resin is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the Sun.

Quick Luck Incense Cone Recipe

These homemade incense cones are designed to increase good luck and help attract financial opportunities. To create this recipe mix together 2 tbsp powdered Cinnamon, ½ tbsp powdered Nutmeg and ½ tsp powdered Ginger in a glass bowl. Wash your hands and add a piece of Clear Quartz Crystal to the mixture. Use your fingertips to mix the ingredients together in a clockwise direction, as you do so say "Bring Me The Money" 7 times in a row.

Wash your hands and place a cup of water into a glass bowl. Say "Bring Me The Money" 7 times over the bowl. Repeat this process with the incense mixture and water every day for 10 days in a row. After the 10th session put out a piece of fresh wax paper. Place 2 tbsp of the intention water into the bowl with the incense ingredients and mix them together with your fingertips.

Shape the mixture into incense cones and place them on the wax paper, if the mixture is too thin to hold a cone shape you can add a little more powdered Cinnamon. Leave the incense cones on the wax paper in a warm, relatively dry room for at least 48 hours. When enough time has passed place each incense cone on its side and leave them alone for another 48-72 hours.

Once the incense cones are completely dry activate them by lighting the tip of the cone with a match, let it burn for a few seconds and then snuff out the flame. Use quick luck incense cones by allowing the smoke to completely cover your clothing, hands, your forehead and the bottoms of your shoes before going out. You can also burn the cones as part of a money or luck-drawing ritual.

Ant Love Spell

Ants are an insect species who can be employed in sweet love spells. To cast a love spell with the help of Ants gather together ¼ cup red or pink sugar and place it in a glass or ceramic bowl. Take a 4×4 piece of paper and write out your intention spell.

Keep it simple, a good example might be "True Love In My Life". Roll up the paper and tie it together with a red or pink string, place it in the middle of the pile of sugar. Put the sugar on your altar and every day for 7 days take the time to say your own personal prayers of love over it.

On the morning of the 8th day burn the petition paper and take the bowl of sugar outside to an Ant hill near your home. Sprinkle the sugar in a ring around the hill. The Ants will ingest the sugar and many of them will travel out to surrounding areas as scouts, carrying your magical intention with them as they go. When the spell has taken effect go out to the Ant hill and leave them a candy bar as a way of saying "thank you".

Dragon's Blood Oil Recipe

Dragon's Blood Resin provides powerful spiritual protection and a greater sense of courage. This is a good oil to wear as a precaution if you are going to summon spirits.

To create this oil you will need ⅓ cup olive oil, 2 medium-sized pieces Dragon's Blood Resin, 2 Cinnamon Sticks, 10 drops Ginger essential oil, 1 tbsp Frankincense Resin and 20 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke and set it aside. Crush the Dragon's Blood Resin, Frankincense Resin and Cinnamon Sticks into a powder with a mortar and pestle.

Fill a small pot halfway with water and heat it on the stovetop at the medium setting. Pour the olive oil into a glass measuring cup and place it into the pot. Let the olive oil heat up and add the powdered ingredients into the cup. Mix the ingredients with a wooden spoon, say the following words over the oil 7 times

"Oh Dragon, Encase Me In Scales Of Armor So I May Not Come To Harm.

Oh Dragon, Set My Heart Aflame So I Will Have Courage In The Face Of All Obstacles."

Continue to stir the mixture for a couple minutes. Take the glass cup out of the pot and let it cool down on the countertop. Mix in the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Use a funnel to carefully pour the mixture into the glass carrier bottle. Place the Dragon's Blood oil on your altar.

Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. You can use this oil to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, ceremonial tools, crystals and sigils. If you don't have

sensitive skin you can rub a few drops of the oil into your hair or anoint your forehead with it.

Lemon Purification Bath

Lemons are a great spiritual cleanser. If you feel like your energy is a little off a Lemon Juice purification bath should help.

Squeeze the contents of 5 Lemons, ½ cup salt and 2 cups hot water into a glass or ceramic bowl. Mix the contents with a wooden spoon. When the salt has completely dissolved get the bath water going at your preferred temperature and add the mixture to the tub, get in and relax. Imagine the negative energy attached to you is coming off in the water like so much black goo. Lemon is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of water and the Moon.

Lemongrass For Removing Obstacles

Lemongrass is used primarily for purification, removing obstacles, protection and mental clarity. Burning Lemongrass essential oil on a diffuser during a meeting can help with communication and create more openness between people. A bit of Lemongrass in a love spell can increase the chances of success in romance.

To create a Lemongrass floor wash start by mopping your house with soap to get rid of the dirt and grime. After the floors have dried place a large pot of water on the stovetop and turn the temperature to medium. Wait a few minutes and then add 1 handful of fresh Lemongrass, 1 handful Rosemary, 1 chopped up Lemon, ¼ cup salt and 1 Orange Rind.

Turn the stovetop up to the high setting and mix the ingredients with a wooden spoon. When the pot starts to boil bring the temperature down to the low setting and let it simmer. You can say prayers over the water as you stir it to give it extra power. Let the water simmer for at least 20 minutes.

When you are ready to start the floor wash remove the plant material from the water with your hands, give the plant material a good squeeze to gather every last bit of herbal power into the pot. Pour the water into a mop bucket. Mop your house from the back to the front, when you are finished throw the mop water out into the front yard or front parking lot. Lemongrass is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Lemon Verbena Spiritual Home Cleanser Recipe

Lemon Verbena is used primarily for love, purification and protection. Wearing Lemon Verbena in a red silk or flannel pouch can help attract members of the opposite sex. Lemon Verbena is an effective spiritual cleanser that can leave your home feeling fresh and new.

To create Lemon Verbena spiritual house cleanser you will need a 2 quart glass jar, a couple handfuls of fresh Lemon Verbena and some distilled vinegar. Peel the leaves apart from the stems and cram as much Lemon Verbena into the jar as possible. Make sure to leave at least an inch of open space at the top. Fill the jar with distilled vinegar and screw on the lid. Place the jar in a cool, dark area. When a month has passed strain the liquid from the jar and place it in another glass container.

To use this spiritual cleanser mix together 50% Lemon Verbena cleanser and 50% water in a spray bottle. Use the Lemon Verbena cleanser to spray down and clean your countertops, floors and bathroom. Vinegar is acidic so make sure you don't use the spray on stone or granite countertops, avoid using it on wood or stone flooring. Lemon Verbena is associated with the astrological sign of pisces, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Jinx Removing Bath Crystal Recipe

Sometimes negative energy attaches itself to you either through your own self-doubt or as a result of spiritual attack sent against you by others, either way the result can be a sudden string of bad luck, or in other words a jinx.

To create jinx removing bath salts you will need 1 cup epsom salts, 1 cup epsom salt, 5 drops Ginger essential oil, 5 drops Lemon essential oil, 5 drops Lemongrass essential oil, a 4×4 inch piece of paper, an ink pen and 1 tbsp dried Lemon Verbena.

Combine all the ingredients together and mix them with a wooden spoon. When you add the essential oils make sure to spread them out across the surface of the salt instead of concentrating all the drops in one area. Place the bowl on your altar.

On the piece of paper write the words "Cleanse, Purify, Enhance, Enchant, Lucky! Lucky! Lucky!". Roll up the paper and tie it together with some string, bury it in the salt blend. Place a piece of Clear Quartz Crystal on top of the blend. Leave the bowl alone for 3 days, on the 4th day remove the scroll of paper from the bowl and set it on fire, add the ashes from the paper into the salt and mix them together.

To use these bath crystals to remove bad luck start by taking a shower to wash off the grime of your body. Add ⅓ cup of the bath crystals and 1 cup hot water to a glass or crystal bowl. Stir the bath crystals and the water together for a few minutes until the crystals have dissolved. Fill the tub with hot water and add the salt water mix. Imagine that negative energy is washing off of you like so much dark gunk into the tub. Relax and enjoy a soak.

When you get out of the bath don't towel dry, allow yourself to air-dry, you can use a hair dryer if you wish.

Florida Water Cologne Recipe

Florida Water Cologne is a popular spiritual cleanser that can be used to wipe down your altar, it can also be added to spiritual baths and floor washes. This cologne is very pleasing to friendly spirits and wearing it can make it easier to gain favor among them.

To make your own Florida Water Cologne you will need a 1 quart glass jar, 1 bottle of 100% grain alcohol, 5 pieces Star Anise, 1 tbsp salt, 1 Lemon Rind, 1 Orange Rind, 1 tbsp Mugwort, 1 White Rose, 9 drops Clove essential oil, 4 drops Bergamot essential oil, 7 drops Lavender essential oil, 7 drops Rose essential oil and 3 drops Cinnamon essential oil.

Cleanse the inside and outside of the jar with incense smoke. Place the Lemon Rind, Orange Rind, White Rose Petals, Mugwort, Star Anise and salt inside. Fill the jar most of the way with the alcohol, leave about 1 inch worth of space at the top. Add the essential oils and screw on the lid. Gently shake the jar 7 times. Hide the jar in the dark, safe place where it will be left alone unbothered for 4-6 weeks.

When enough time has passed take out the jar, use a strainer to separate the plant material from the cologne and use the cologne as you will. Don't worry if the mixture is discolored, this is perfectly normal with homemade Florida Water Cologne recipes. Once you're familiar with the personalities and properties of different plants you might want to create your own Florida Water Cologne recipe.

Spiritual Black Salt Recipe

Black Salt gets rid of curses & provides protection from negative energy and malevolent spirits. To create Black Salt you will need ½ cup sea salt, Rue, Frankincense Resin, Myrrh Resin, Rosemary, a 4×4 inch piece of paper, a writing pen and 2 charcoal discs.

Fill the incense burner with 1-2 inches of sand or natural ash. Shape the sand or ash into a cone shape and put the charcoal on it. Use a lighter to activate the charcoal with flame, wait a few minutes for the charcoal to heat up, there should be a fine powder of ash on top of the disc.

Take the piece of paper and write "Protect My Spirit, Protect My Soul, Banish Evil, Absorb Negativity, Remove Curses, Remove Hexes". Burn the paper on the charcoal.

Once it has turned into ash add a little bit of Frankincense Resin, Myrrh Resin, Rosemary and Rue to the burning disc. Wait until these items have burned all the way down into ash and then add some more. Keep doing so over and over until you have a decent pile of ashy remnants. The charcoal disc could keep burning for up to 2 hours so make sure you will be free to work unbothered during this period of time.

When the charcoal burns out crush up all the ashes and the additional charcoal disc with a mortar and pestle, mix in the salt. Place the black salt in a glass or ceramic bowl and put it on your altar.

If you wish to use Black Salt to remove a curse add 2 tbsp to the bath water every night along with ½ cup Epsom salt, take a relaxing soak. It may take several ritual baths to completely eliminate the negative power that has attached itself to you but if you're diligent and make this a nightly ritual most curses can be eliminated.

If you're performing a summoning ritual I would recommend sprinkling a circle of Black Salt around yourself to create a protective spiritual barrier, you can also wear a small black silk or flannel pouch filled with Black Salt around your neck for an extra layer of spiritual protection. Be sure to get rid of the black pouch after the ritual is finished.

Black Salt can be used to perform a house cleansing and protection floor sweep. Sprinkle small amounts of Black Salt all over the floors of your home, leave it there for an hour to absorb all the terrible energy that might be present and then sweep it out the door.

How To Make A Black Scrying Mirror

A black scrying mirror is a dark, semi-reflective spiritual tool used in summoning work to perceive and communicate with spirits; this object can also be used for divination purposes.

To create your own black scrying mirror purchase a black picture frame and some black acrylic paint. Remove the glass/plastic portion and wipe it down with windex, place it on old newspaper. Use masking tape to tape down the 4 corners of the glass/plastic onto the paper. Cover as little of the corners as possible with the tape.

Paint a layer of black acrylic paint all across the glass/plastic and let it dry for about 45 minutes. Paint a layer every 45 minutes until it's completely black.

Place a small piece a black cardstock or paper into the frame so any screws sticking out will not scratch the paint. Take away the masking tape and the other side of the glass/plastic will be your mirror. Place the glass/plastic into the picture frame so its side is sticking out. You now have a black scrying mirror of your own.

To use a black scrying mirror place it before you with a couple of lit candles on each side of the device. Stare into the mirror and allow your eyes to relax. After a few minutes you will start to see images in the mirror.

When making contact with a spirit it might send you a series of images. What these pictures mean will depend on you as symbolism is different for every individual. Be careful when using a black scrying mirror, it can be used as a portal into your home and if you aren't careful you might become possessed. It's important to take proper spiritual protective measures before using this kind of device. I would suggest using Ceremonial Black

Salt, a charged protective amulet or anointing yourself with Dragon's Blood oil or protection oil before using a black scrying mirror.

Star Anise Psychic Vision Oil Recipe

Star Anise is a spice that increases clairvoyance and the ability to engage in prophetic dreaming.

To create psychic vision oil cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense. Fill a cooking pot halfway with water and place it on the stovetop at the medium setting. Pour ½ cup grapeseed oil into a glass measuring cup, place it in the pot and allow the oil at least 5 minutes to heat up. Crush 5 pieces of Star Anise into a powder with a mortar and pestle. Add the Star Anise to the heated oil one pinch at a time. Mix the ingredients together with a wooden spoon. Allow the Star Anise too steep in the hot oil for at least 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

When the oil is ready remove it from the pot and place it on the kitchen countertop until it cools down. Remove the plant material from the oil with a strainer. Pour the Star Anise oil and 20 drops of jojoba oil or vitamin E oil into the glass carrier bottle. Screw on the lid and shake it 7 times.

To enhance your psychic abilities apply a small amount of the oil on your forehead. Star Anise is associated with the astrological sign of capricorn, the element of air and the planet Jupiter.

Mugwort For Vivid Dreams

Mugwort is an herb of vivid dreams, astral travel, psychic ability and protection. To enhance the power of divination tools pack them with Mugwort when not in use. If you wish to use Mugwort to experience intense, vivid dreams the best way to do so is to drink concentrated Mugwort Tea and smoke a little bit of the dried herb before going to bed. If you consume marijuana regularly you probably won't be able to experience the intense dreams brought on by Mugwort.

Mugwort can be used for herbal smoke baths. The idea of a smoke bath is to burn certain herbs or wood and allow the smoke to cover your body, home or workspace in order to purify energy and raise vibrations. The best way to perform an herbal smoke bath is with a ritual smoke stick.

To create a Mugwort ritual smoke stick cut 4 pieces of 5-inch long Mugwort directly from the plant. Take a small piece of all-natural twine and tie the bundle together in the middle with a tight double knot. Cut out 20 inches of twine and tie a double knot at one end of the stocks. Tie the twine back and forth pulling the bundles tight together, when you come to the end of the string tie another double knot.

To dry the ritual smoke stick hang it up in a cool, dry area for at least a couple weeks. When you're ready to perform an herbal smoke bath light one end of the smoke stick, let it burn for 10-20 seconds and then blow it out. Allow the smoke to fill the room. Run the smoke stick along various parts of the body, get the bottom of your feet if possible. When you're done put the smoke stick out by pressing it into a glass bowl. Mugwort is associated with the astrological sign of pisces, the element of earth and the planet Venus.

"The Witch" Movie Review

"Corruption, thou art my father!" A lot of people think the American Satanic panic began in the 1970's but it has existed in the country since America was just a small collection of backwater English colonies. "The Witch" was based on the testimonies of the Salem witch trials as well as superstitions and folklore of the 1600's. This review is heavy on spoilers so if you want to be surprised by the film skip to the last paragraph.

The story begins with a family being excommunicated from their local parish because of the father's (Ralph Ineson) arrogance. They end up on a farm isolated in the middle of the woods, constantly threatened with starvation. Their newborn baby is kidnapped by a local witch who smashes up the child and rubs its entrails all over her body to make flying ointment. The oldest daughter (Anya-Taylor Joy) is blamed for the kidnapping as she was the one babysitting when the disappearance occurred.

The obnoxious young twins (Ellie Grainger and Lucas Dawson) claim the billy goat Black Phillip is whispering secrets in their ear. The eldest son Caleb (Harvey Scrimshaw) is kidnapped by a local witch who casts a horrible curse on him. He dies horribly as a result.

The family accuses the eldest daughter of being a witch, blood is shed, Black Philip becomes violent and by the end of the night the daughter stands alone. Desperate and afraid she speaks to Black Phillip, hoping that she can conjure forth the devil. It turns out the devil has been living inside the animal all along. She signs her name in his book and the film ends with her entering the woods to join a Satanic coven.

The film was directed by Robert Eggers, the same man who gave us "The Lighthouse". He has a real talent for using the contrast between light

and dark to make images pop on the screen. I couldn't believe the budget for the film was only 4 million dollars given how good the special effects were.

This is a very depressing movie, I'm glad I watched it but I never want to see it again. If you're interested in movies about witchcraft or you're in the mood for an American period piece with horror elements this might be what you're looking for.

Prosperity Gemstones & Crystals

Listed below are a few gemstones and crystals that can added to money spells and magick bags. They can also be worn as jewelry.

Pyrite- This shining stone has an appearance similar to gold. Pyrite removes blockages in the way of achieving monetary stability, it has a real "get-up-and-go" energy that'll help make deals, start a business or fill out job applications. Pyrite is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the elements of fire and the planet Mars.

Green Jade- Jade is a crystal that helps bring good luck. Green Jade is associated with the astrological sign of pisces and the planet Venus.

Bloodstone- This stone is dark green in color and covered with small red spots. It can be worn to attract wealth and prosperity. If you run a business it's a good idea to place a Bloodstone in the cash box to attract customers. Bloodstone is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Vetiver for Same-Sex Love

Vetiver is a fragrant grass that works effectively in spells designed to bring same-sex love, money and tranquility. To cast a spell to attract a same-sex relationship you will need 2 red figure candles of the same sex, Vetiver essential oil, 1 tsp powdered Ginger, 1 tsp powdered Cinnamon, 1 tsp sugar and Rose incense. On the bottom of one of the candles carve your name. On the bottom of the other candle carve "my true love" into the wax. Anoint the candles with Vetiver essential oil. Combine the powdered Cinnamon, Ginger and sugar in a small bowl and say the following words-

"Sweetness And Love, A Heart Worthy Of Trust, Guide (him/her/them) To Me, May Love Find Its True Course."

Take the powder and sprinkle out a trail about 2 feet long. Rub a little bit of your spit on the chest of your figure candle and place it at one end of the trail. Place the candle representing the lover who will come to you on the other side of the trail and have both candles turned so they are looking at each other. Light the incense and then light each candle with a match. Let them burn for an hour, say the above prayer over the candles a total of 7 times. Snuff them out after an hour.

The next day repeat the above process except be sure to move both of the candles a couple inches closer to each other along the trail, every day move the candles a couple inches closer. When they come together allow them to burn down together. Hide the wax under your mattress or in some other area of the home you associate with romance, you can also leave the remains of the spell at a crossroads. Vetiver is associated with the astrological sign of aquarius, the element of earth and the planet Mercury.

Allspice Oil Recipe

Allspice Berries can be used for prosperity and healing spells. If you need more customers coming to your business try burning Allspice Berries on activated charcoal near the register.

To create Allspice oil combine ⅓ cup grapeseed oil and ¼ cup freshly crushed Allspice Berries together in a glass or ceramic bowl. Tell the oil what you want it to do.

Cover the bowl with a loose piece of plastic wrap and place it in a cool, dry place for 3 days. Strain the oil through a double layer of cheesecloth. Pour the oil into a glass jar. Make sure to screw the lid on tight.

If you keep the Allspice oil in the refrigerator it should last you for about a month.

This oil can be used to anoint ritual candles, ceremonial tools, sigils and crystals. Allspice Berries are associated with the astrological sign of scorpio, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Mint For Money

Mint can assist in money and protection spells. This lovely-smelling plant attracts helpful spirits when sprinkled around your altar or placed in a small glass or ceramic bowl by the front door. Growing Mint plants in the garden or in small growing pots around the house adds a protective energy to the premises.

Peppermint is very good for bringing in money from unexpected places and improving communication. Mixing Spearmint with Peppermint in money spells helps produce a strong, wealth-drawing effect. Mint is associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Coffee For Grounding

Adding Coffee to your spells will give the work extra power and cause them to manifest faster. Drinking Coffee after an intense ritual has a grounding effect and brings you back to reality. Taking a spiritual bath with a pot of Coffee as an added ingredient cleanses the aura.

Sprinkle Coffee Grounds on ritual candles to give a spell more energy and power, this method works even better with a mixture of Coffee Grounds and Cinnamon.

If you're summoning spirits I would suggest having a cup of strong Black Coffee ready as it tends to be a very popular offering. Coffee is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of air and the planet Mars.

Fennel Seeds For Business Contracts

Fennel Seeds can be used to reverse curses, perform uncrossing work, promote success in business and get contracts to work in your favor.

To create a magick bag to help get better business contracts you will need a small purple silk or flannel bag, 3 small pieces Master Root, 1 tsp Fennel Seeds and 3 Coffee Beans. Place the Master Root, Fennel Seeds and Coffee Beans into the bag. Write out a small petition of what you wish to accomplish when negotiating the contract but in a way where it sounds like the deal has already manifested, for example you might write something like- "I have an excellent lease on (such and such) property".

Breathe into the bag 3 times to give it life. Tie it shut and tell it that its job is to help you succeed in gaining a favorable contract. Anoint the bag with Peppermint essential oil and wear it around your neck during the meeting. Make sure nobody touches it or it will stop working. Fennel Seeds are associated with the astrological sign of virgo, the element of fire and the Sun.

Jezebel Root For Sugar Daddies

When a woman wears this root on her person it causes her to emit a very dark, intimidating aura. This energy scares off aggressive men while attracting very well-behaved, submissive men who happily open their wallets for any would-be mistress. Use this root if you want a husband or admirers you can treat like a walking ATM. Jezebel root is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the planet Venus.

Romantic Gemstones & Crystals

Listed below are a few gemstones and crystals that can be added to any love spell. These stones can be added to magick bags and worn as jewelry.

Rose Quartz Crystal- Light pink Rose Quartz Crystal carries the energy of unconditional love. Use Rose Quartz to manifest peace, tenderness, love and contentment. Rose Quartz Crystal is associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of earth and the planet Venus.

Amber- This orange gem is helpful in love and marriage spells. Amber carries a peaceful, patient energy. Amber is associated with the astrological sign of aquarius and the Sun.

Ruby Garnet- This red stone is perfect for spells of a more passionate nature. Ruby Garnet shines like red fire. Symbolically it will bring that burning passion to your relationships. Ruby Garnet is associated with the astrological sign of aquarius, the element of fire and the planet Venus.

Rosemary For Higher Spiritual Vibrations

Rosemary is a cooking herb that can help with spells for protection, purification and marital fidelity. It can be used as a substitute for Frankincense Resin and burned as sacred incense to raise spiritual vibrations.

Growing Rosemary in the kitchen strengthens female power. Rosemary essential oil can be used to cleanse and consecrate your ceremonial tools. Rosemary is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the Sun.

Cedar Marital Fidelity Incense Cones

Cedar is an herb of protection, purification, love and fidelity. To make Cedar marital fidelity incense cones you will need ⅓ cup powdered Cedarwood, ¼ cup water, 4 drops Rosemary essential oil, a 4×4 inch piece of paper, a couple sheets of wax paper and a purple ink pen.

Write the phrase

"MARITAL FIDELITY" in bold letters across the paper 3 times. Turn the piece of paper clockwise and sign your name 3 times as if you were endorsing a check. Set the paper on fire and let it burn into ashes in a small glass bowl.

In a separate bowl mix together the powdered Cedarwood and the Rosemary essential oil with a wooden spoon. Add the water and ashes to the mixture. Use your fingers to sculpt small amounts of the pulpy paste into cone shapes. Place the cones on the wax paper. Leave them alone for 48-72 hours. When the tops of the cones have dried put them on their side. Wait another 48-72 hours. The next time you suspect your partner is out cheating burn one of these incense cones on your altar as you pray to your deity. Cedar is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of fire and the Sun.

Red Clover For Love & Marriage Spells

Red Clover is a flower that helps bring good luck and passion in love and marriage. It's an excellent herb to add to spells that are designed to elicit a proposal of marriage.

To perform a Red Clover marriage spell carve your name and the name of your beloved so that they intersect into a pink candle. Place a picture of both of you together on your altar. Anoint the candle with Rosemary essential oil and place it on top of the picture. Sprinkle a bunch of fresh Red Clover Blossoms around the base of the candle. Light Rose-scented incense and light the candle with a match. Say the following words over the candle 7 times-

"Bring Me Love, Bring Me Fidelity, Bring Me Joy, Bring Me A Happy Marriage."

After an hour has passed snuff the candle out. Repeat the above process every night until the candle has burned all the way down. Wrap up the remains of the spell and bury them under a potted plant by the back door. Red Clover is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Wild Cherry Bark Love Incense Recipe

Wild Cherry is used in spells for passionate love. To create loose leaf Wild Cherry love incense you will need ¼ cup powdered Wild Cherry Bark, 4 drops Rose essential oil and 3 drops Orange essential oil. Combine the ingredients in a glass or ceramic bowl. Mix the items with a wooden spoon. When the incense is ready say the following words over it 7 times-

"Sweet as Cherries, Sweet as Pie, Bring Love into My Life, Sweet Love, Sweet Desire, Gentle Love."

Burn ½ tsp-1 tsp incense on activated charcoal to bring more love and tenderness into your life. Wild Cherry is associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of water and the planet Venus.

Marriage Bath Bomb Recipe

This is a bath bomb spell recipe designed to help you get a proposal of marriage from someone you've been with for at least a few months. To create these bath bombs you will need 2 cups Baking Soda, 1 cup corn starch powder, ¼ tbsp olive oil, 1 cup epsom salt, 3 drops red soap dye, 1 cup citric acid, ½ tsp powdered Wild Cherry Bark, 1 tsp Rosemary essential oil, ½ tsp Cedar essential oil, some dried Red Clover and bath bomb molds.

Mix together the baking soda, cornstarch, epsom salts, Wild Cherry Bark and citric acid in a glass or ceramic bowl.

Add the red soap dye and mix all the ingredients together quickly. When you are satisfied with the color add the essential oils. Mix in the olive oil 1 tbsp at a time. Place 1-2 Red Clover Buds on the bottom of each of the molds. When you're finished firmly pack the mix into the molds. Press as hard as you can so that the mixture fills the entire space. Let the bath bombs dry in the molds for 24 hours before popping them out. Place the bath bombs on your altar and say the following words over them 7 times-

"Bring Me A Marriage Full of Love and Truth, Bring Me A Marriage With The One I Love."

Rinse yourself off in the shower and scrub yourself down. Once all the grime has been washed off prepare a nice hot bath. Place a marriage bath bomb into the water. Once it has finished dissolving enter the tub and have a nice, relaxing soak. After you are done don't towel dry, let yourself air dry or dry yourself off with a blow dryer. You can also give one of these magical bath bombs to your beloved as a special gift so they will literally be bathing in a tub full of your loving intention.

Lovage Root For Glamour

Lovage Root casts a glamour on anyone who looks at you and increases your overall attractiveness. If you are trying to cast a glamour spell on men carry Lovage Root, Queen Elizabeth Root and a heart-shaped piece of Rose Quartz Crystal in a red silk or flannel bag. If you are trying to cast a glamour spell on women replace the Queen Elizabeth Root with a High John The Conqueror Root and carry it in a red silk or flannel bag with a piece of Licorice Root.

Taking a bath infused with Lovage Root right before going to court can greatly enhance your chances of victory. Boil a small handful of Lovage Root in a quart-sized glass measuring cup and let it steep for about 10 minutes. After you have showered off and scrubbed away the grime on your body pour the Lovage Root water all over yourself. Don't towel dry, either allow yourself to air dry or use the blow dryer. Lovage Root is associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of fire and the Sun.

"The Wicker Man" Review

"That is good, for believing what you do, we confer upon you a rare gift these days- a martyr's death. You will not only have life eternal, but you will sit with the saints among the elect. Come. It is time to keep your appointment with the wicker man." This is an unflinching story about modern people going back to their Pagan roots. The following review is heavy on spoilers so if you want to be surprised by the film skip to the last paragraph.

A young girl named Rowan is missing on the island of Summer Isle. Police investigator Sergeant Howie has received an anonymous letter regarding her disappearance and traveled to the island to try and locate her. Howie is a fundamentalist Christian and is very upset when he comes to realize the inhabitants of the island have embraced the Pagan practices of their ancestors. As Howie travels around the island looking for Rowan it becomes apparent that the inhabitants are trying to prevent him from finding the girl.

It turns out the entire thing was a trap. Rowan is perfectly fine and the plan all along was to trick Howie into becoming a worthy sacrifice for the wicker man. The inhabitants of the island believe that killing a virginal follower of the Christian God will help bring a bountiful harvest. At the end of the film The inspector is burned alive in a giant wicker man.

I wasn't sure who to root for in this film. Howie is portrayed as extremely stubborn, intolerant and very unlikable as our Christian fundamentalist protagonist. At the same time the people on summer Isle commit human sacrifice. Maybe the point of the film is that there are messed up aspects to every religion.

Robin Hardy did a wonderful job as director. Fertility comes across in many of the visuals throughout the film, especially one rather erotic scene where an inhabitant of the island tries to seduce the inspector. The soundtrack is the kind of music your hippy aunt would play on a road trip to the burning man festival. Apparently the studio cut a lot of material out of the film, including the original ending. I'm alright with the current ending, it's horrifying and very memorable. Still, if I had the chance to purchase the director's cut of "The Wicker Man" on Blu-ray I would certainly shell out the cash. If you're a fan of paganism, witchcraft or horror films from the 1970's give this one a watch.

Gemstones & Crystals for Protection Spells

Listed below are a few gemstones and crystals that can be added to protection spells. These stones can be added to magick bags and worn as jewelry.

Black Tourmaline- This crystal is easily one of the most protective gemstones available. It keeps away anything operating at a low vibrational frequency and is great for grounding. Place this stone in a small bag and hang it above your doorway or bed to keep away negative entities. Black Tourmaline is associated with the astrological sign of libra, the element of earth and the planet Venus.

Selenite- This gunmetal-gray gemstone fills your aura with brilliant white light.

The energy produced by Selenite clears away negative feelings within the self. Selenite is associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of earth and the Moon.

Amethyst- this purple stone greatly increases your vibrational frequency and provides protection against psychic attacks. The stone is very helpful in healing work and helps calm the mind. Amethyst is associated with the astrological sign of aquarius, the element of water and the planet Uranus.

Rue Protection Floor Wash

Rue is a powerhouse when it comes to purification and protection work. It can be used to banish negative energy and unwanted spirits.

To create Rue protection floor wash for your home or business you will need 3 cups white vinegar, a 1 quart glass mason jar, 1 Lemon Rind, 4 Cinnamon Chips and ¼ cup Rue. Mix the Rue, Lemon Rind, Cinnamon Chips and white vinegar in the jar. Say the following words over its contents in a forceful, powerful voice-

"I Banish Thee, All Evil Spirits! I Banish Thee All Malignancies, I Banish Thee From This Space, Begone!"

Seal the jar tight. Shake the mixture as hard as you can for as long as you are able to build up as much energy as possible. Every day for the next 4 weeks shake the bottle 3 times and repeat the above words over it. When a month has passed your mixture will be ready. Remove the plant material with a strainer and store the mixture in a clean jar.

You can add a small amount (¼-⅓ cup) of Rue floor wash to your mop water or pour it into a spritzer bottle. Use the spray to cleanse and protect your home, ritual space and/or ceremonial tools. Rue is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of fire and the planet Saturn.

Black Pepper For Banishing

Spicy Black Pepper has the ability to banish negativity, repel evil, and provide spiritual protection. If you wish to use Black Pepper to banish a harmful person from your life gather together 1 black candle, freshly ground Black Pepper, vegetable oil, a picture of the target and a personal concern attached to them such as a piece of used clothing, some skin flakes, hair, fingernails or a handwriting sample.

Carve the name of the target into the candle. Anoint the candle with vegetable oil and sprinkle Black Pepper all over it. Place the personal concern on top of the picture and the candle on top of the personal concerns. Light the candle with a match and say the following words 7 times-

"Be Gone! Leave My Home, Leave My Life, I Banish You!"

Allow the candle to burn all the way down, preferably over the course of one night. Bury the remains as far away from your home as possible. Don't look back as you leave. Black Pepper is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Marjoram Reconciliation Cooking Oil Recipe

This popular cooking herb is very helpful in spells for love, protection and reconciliation. One of the best ways to use Marjoram for reconciliation work is to create a magical herbal-infused cooking oil.

For this recipe you will need ⅓ cup freshly dried Marjoram, 2 cups olive oil and a glass mason jar. Sterilize the jar by boiling it in water for at least 10-15 minutes, let it dry completely. Lightly go over the herbs with a wooden roller and place them in the jar. Heat the olive oil over low heat in a saucepan until warm, immediately pour the oil into the jar over the Marjoram. Let the oil cool down. Use a strainer to remove the plant material. Seal the lid on tight and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Let Our Relationship Know Forgiveness, Allow Us To Heal and Move Forward, Allow Our Love to Grow."

Place the Marjoram oil in the back of the refrigerator. Every day for the next 7 days take the oil out and say the above prayer over it 7 times. On the 8th day use some of the oil to prepare a meal that is to be eaten by both you and the one with whom you seek reconciliation. Cook meals for the 2 of you with this oil as often as you can. Marjoram is associated with the astrological sign of capricorn, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Protection Oil Recipe

This oil is designed to provide you with spiritual protection, it can prevent unwanted possession by spirits and block the effects of most jinxes, hexes and curses.

For this recipe you will need ⅓ cup olive oil, ½ tsp Rue, 7 Black Pepper Kernels, ½ tsp Marjoram, 3 drops Cinnamon essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place the dried ingredients into the bottle, as you add each item instruct it that its job is to protect you from harm. Heat the olive oil in a saucepan on the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle. Screw on the lid and shake the bottle 7 times. Let the bottle cool down on the countertop. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Shake the bottle 7 times. Hold the bottle in front of you and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Shield Me, Protect Me, Let No Unwanted Spirit Enter Me, Send Curses, Hexes and Jinx's Away From Me!"

Put the bottle in a cool, dark place. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready for use. You can anoint yourself with the oil by placing a little on your forehead or at the back of your neck. The oil can also be used on ceremonial tools, magick bags, ritual candles, sigils and crystals.

4 Thieves Vinegar Recipe

According to legend back in the horrific days of the plague a group of thieves would loot the houses of dead plague victims but not get sick. When they were eventually caught they escaped execution by revealing the formula that kept them alive and that formula came to be known as 4 Thieves Vinegar. I'm not going to make the claim that this recipe is going to protect you from catching horrific illnesses but it can be used in spells for protection, healing and banishing.

To create 4 Thieves Vinegar oil you will need a pint-sized glass mason jar, 1 tsp Black Pepper, ½ tsp Cloves, 1 tsp Lavender, 1 tsp Thyme, 1 cup apple cider vinegar and 1 tsp minced Garlic

Mix all of the ingredients inside the jar. Place the jar on a windowsill in the sunlight, leave it there for 24 hours. Remove the plant material with a strainer. Store the mixture in a cool, dry place when not in use.

4 Thieves Vinegar can be used as a spiritual cleansing spray around the house. Add 1 part of 4 Thieves Vinegar to 4 parts water and use it to clean the home. Kitchen witches may want to try adding 4 Thieves Vinegar to their own culinary concoctions.

"Dagon" Movie Review

The plot of Stuart Gordon's "Dagon" comes off like a demented version of the Tom Hanks romantic comedy "Splash". This is a spoiler-heavy review so if you want to be surprised by the movie skip to the last paragraph.

A young man named Paul is in a boating accident somewhere off the Spanish coast. He goes to a nearby village to get help. The locals are pretty weird, having an almost fish-like appearance, webbed fingers, bulging eyes, the whole lot. Paul becomes separated from his friends and the locals begin chasing him (about half of the movie is a chase scene between Paul and the fish people). In one of the houses he comes across a strange woman who looks just like a mermaid he's been seeing in his dreams. She attempts to seduce him and he's horrified to realize her legs are two long tentacles. Paul runs away and eventually finds his friends, unfortunately they don't survive very long. It's been a year since the human-fish hybrids have made a sacrifice to their fish deity Dagon. It turns out the mermaid from earlier is a high priestess of the cult of Dagon and has selected Paul's lover as an offering to the dark God. Paul fails in his effort to save his girlfriend and is horrified to find out he is the half-brother of the mermaid high priestess as they are both children of Dagon. Paul attempts to light himself on fire but his sister drags him under the waves. Paul is surprised to find that he can breathe underwater and the two swim deep into the dark abyss in the incestuous romantic climax of the film.

This is a perfect popcorn horror flick. The practical effects are decent but there is some outdated CGI throughout the film. Don't show this movie to anyone under 17, there's plenty of gore and some sexual content. If

you're looking for a film full of Lovecraftian imagery and atmosphere you'll probably adore this movie.

Healing Gemstones & Crystals

Listed below are a few gemstones and crystals that can be used in a variety of healing spells. These stones can be added to magick bags and amulets or worn as jewelry.

Clear Quartz Crystal- Adding Clear Quartz Crystal to a healing spell will give it more potency. This stone uplifts the vibrations of an area. Placing a piece of Clear Quartz Crystal next to other gemstones enhances the power of the other stones as well. Clear Quartz Crystal is associated with the astrological sign of leo, all of the elements and the Sun.

Obsidian- This black stone helps to block negative energy and emotions. Obsidian is associated with the astrological sign of scorpio, the element of fire and the planet Saturn.

Jasper- This gemstone of many colors is perfect for people who are in need of a more stable, earthy energy. The stone has a very nurturing presence. Jasper helps to bring the aura back into balance. This is a good stone for anyone dealing with a lot of stress, trauma or emotional issues. Jasper is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of earth and the planet Venus.

Life Everlasting Flowers For Healing

Life Everlasting Flowers are used in healing spells. Burning the flowers on activated charcoal summons friendly ancestral spirits. These flowers can be used in conjunction with Angelica Root to increase your intuition.

To cast a healing candle spell with Life Everlasting Flowers carve the name of the patient into a blue or white figure candle. Anoint the candle with olive oil and sprinkle shredded Life Everlasting Flowers all over it. Place the candle on top of a picture of the patient. Light the candle with a match and say the following words 7 times-

"Recover, Heal, Reclaim Your Life, Reclaim Yourself."

Allow the candle to burn all the way down. Wrap up the remains of the spell and hide it in the room of the patient or at a crossroads. Life Everlasting Flowers are associated with the astrological sign of pisces, the element of water and the planet Saturn.

Tea Tree Oil Shampoo Recipe

Tea Tree Leaves and oil can be used for purification, protection and healing spells. Tea Tree is great for cleansing the aura and bringing greater clarity to a situation.

To create homemade Tea Tree shampoo you will need ⅔ cup pure castile soap, 1 tbsp olive oil, ½ cup water and 30 drops Tea Tree oil. Mix together the ingredients in a bowl. Say the following words 7 times over the mixture-

"Open My Mind, Open My Eyes, Cleanse My Spirit, Cleanse My Soul, Fill My Heart With Light!"

Pour the shampoo into a glass carrier bottle and screw on the lid. Use about ½ tbsp in your hair during showers. Make sure to shake the bottle a few times before you pour it into your hands. When not in use it's best to keep the bottle in the refrigerator unless you're going to be done with the bottle within a month. Tea Tree is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Thyme Cooking & Skincare Oil Recipe

This popular kitchen herb is very helpful in spells for courage, purification and healing. If members of your home are suffering from grief hang muslin bags of Thyme around the house. Burning Thyme on activated charcoal clears away many negative emotions. If you are in need of courage burn a bit of Thyme and let the smoke cover you.

To create Thyme-infused cooking & skincare oil You will need a handful of dried Thyme, 1 cup of olive oil and a glass carrier jar. Place the Thyme in the jar, pour in the olive oil until it covers the herbs. Screw on the lid and say your prayer of intention over the jar 7 times. Place the jar in a cool, dry area for about 40 days. Every day take out the jar and say a prayer of intention over the contents. When enough time has passed, use a strainer to remove the plant material. Your Thyme oil is ready. Thyme is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of air and the planet Venus.

Eucalyptus Green Clay Mask Recipe

Eucalyptus Leaves are used in spells for purification, protection and healing. This plant can be burned to clear away negative energy and blockages. To use Eucalyptus for healing spells stuff the leaves in magick bags and poppets or place the leaves under the patient's mattress or in small muslin bags hung around the room.

To create a purification Eucalyptus green clay facial mask. You will need ¼ cup French green clay, ¼ cup jojoba oil and 3 drops Eucalyptus essential oil. Mix these ingredients together in a glass bowl until they form a green paste, as you are stirring say the following words 7 times-

"Evil Energy That Clings to Me, Be Gone! Purify Me, Cleanse Me, Refresh Me, Renew Me!"

To use the mask apply a thin layer all over your face, make sure to avoid getting any in the eyes. Leave it on for about 10 minutes. Make sure the mask doesn't completely dry or it will draw moisture out of your skin. Rinse it off with warm water and pat your face dry. Store the remainder of the mixture into a glass jar and place in a cool, dry place. Eucalyptus is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of air and planet Mercury.

Healing Oil Recipe

This oil recipe is designed to provide spiritual healing, protection and to remove negative energy from an individual.

This recipe will require ⅓ cup olive oil, 3 drops Eucalyptus essential oil, 3 drops Tea Tree essential oil, 1 tsp Life Everlasting Flowers, 5 drops Thyme essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place the Life Everlasting Flowers into the bottle. Tell the flowers that their job is to provide healing. Heat the olive oil on the stovetop at the low setting.

Pour the heated olive oil into the bottle. Screw on the lid and give it 7 shakes, set it down on the countertop. Once it cools down add the essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Give the bottle 7 shakes and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Preserve And Protect, Bring Strength and Vigor, Renew, Invigorate, Heal!"

Store your oil in a cool, dry place. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

You can use this oil to anoint magick bags, ritual candles, healing poppet dolls, sigils and crystals. A small amount can also be used to anoint the forehead of the patient.

Copal Resin for Clarity & Change

Copal Resin is a pine-scented incense that's primarily sold as White Copal Resin or Black Copal Resin. White Copal Resin has a joyful energy while Black Copal Resin is ideal for shadow work. Burning Copal Resin on activated charcoal raises the vibrations within a space and eliminates negativity. Copal Resin is good for grounding and allowing greater clarity. This is an incense of positive transformation and change. Copal Resin can be burned to assist in the summoning of spirits. Copal Resin is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of fire and the Sun.

"Equinox" Series Review

The Netflix series "Equinox" is a weird take on the Pagan origins of the Easter Bunny. The series was based on a Danish podcast called "Equinox 1985". A bunch of students disappeared on a graduation trip 20 years ago. Astrid (Danica Curcic), the younger sister of one of the students goes on a quest to find out what happened. The show goes back and forth in time between the story of Astrid in the present and her sister Ida (Caroline Hamm) in the past. This review is full of spoilers so if you want to be surprised skip to the last paragraph.

Astrid finds out her sister came into contact with a strange Pagan cult that worships the ancient hare god. During a ritual out on a mysterious island Ida was possessed by the goddess Ostara and involved in ritualistic sexual activity with a man dressed as the hare god. Ida became pregnant as a result and had an abortion, this angered the hare god. Ida's mother had wanted a child but couldn't conceive so she made a deal with him 18 years earlier- in exchange for letting her raise Ida she would have to turn Ida over to the hare god when she turned 18. Ida's mother had changed her mind and made a new deal with the hare god, that being that he would be able to take the child he conceived with her daughter instead. Enraged by Ida's betrayal the hare god kidnapped her and her classmates and kept them trapped in his den.

Ida and Astrid are not blood relatives but the hare god wants Astrid as a replacement sacrifice for the Equinox. Astrid comes to him willingly and finds her sister waiting for her in the mist. The sisters hold hands, smile and head off to be with him. Satisfied with his sacrifice the hare god allows the other students to go free and they return home.

The piece of media that popped into my head while watching this show was a Netflix series called "Dark". Both shows are strange and a little convoluted with an odd mystery to keep viewers watching. "Equinox" has an eerie atmosphere and will likely appeal to fans of mystery thrillers. The show is shot very well, especially the ritual scenes in the middle. The music is perfectly serviceable but I found that playing "The Killing Moon" by "Echo & the Bunnymen" fit much better than the show's opening theme. As for historical accuracy, who knows, the Pagans of ancient times didn't leave written records, all we know about them is what we can try to deduce based on the statues and artwork they left behind. "Equinox" felt like it could have been trimmed down by an episode but I still had a good time watching it and would highly suggest watching it when the first signs of Spring are starting to appear. This show is not appropriate for children due to sexual content but older teenagers should be able to handle it.

Marigold To Honor The Dead

Marigold is a brilliant, beautiful orange flower placed on altars to honor the deceased during the Day Of The Dead festival. If you're going to the cemetery to pay respects to a deceased loved one, bring some Marigold Flowers to decorate their grave and incense to burn as an offering. It's important to let the dead know they have not been forgotten.

This flower is a close relative of Calendula Flowers and has a joyful energy. Marigold is associated with the element of fire and the Sun.

Gemstones and Crystals for Power & Courage

Listed below are a few gemstones and crystals that can be added to any spell related to power and courage. These stones can be added to magick bags or worn as jewelry.

Tiger's Eye- This yellow and black stone carries the same courageous, brave energy as the animal it's named for. It's a very active and energetic stone and promotes the drive to accomplish goals. Carry this gemstone in your pocket if you have a lot of fear or anxiety. Spells designed for career advancement and success will get a boost from this gemstone. Make sure you only use polished Tiger's eye as unpolished Tiger's eye contains asbestos. Tiger's eye is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of fire and the Sun.

Citrine- The yellow Citrine crystal brings the energy of joy and happiness. It instills a sense of confidence and helps attract prosperity and friendship by producing positive vibrations. This is the perfect gemstone of emotional balance. Citrine gives a boost to self-esteem and makes an excellent ingredient in self-love spells. Citrine is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Turquoise- Blue Turquoise helps with emotional stability. Turquoise can be used in any kind of work that involves problem solving, it encourages a sense of strength and has the added quality of repelling negative influences and energies. Turquoise is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of air and the planet Jupiter.

Honeysuckle For Love-Binding

Honeysuckle Flowers assist in love-binding spells by making the situation so sweet that the other person wants to stick around. Love-binding spells create a bond designed to last a lifetime so be very careful when performing this kind of work. Honeysuckle is a lucky flower that can be added to prosperity spells. It's next to impossible to get real Honeysuckle essential oil due to how fragile these flowers are, fragrance oils are available but personally I'd rather work with the essence of a real plant than a bottle of chemicals.

To cast a Honeysuckle love-binding spell you will need a red figure candle to represent you and a red figure candle to represent the other person, 4 Honeysuckle Flowers, Rose essential oil, Orange essential oil, 2 feet of cotton twine and a picture of you and the other person together. Carve your name into the candle that represents you and their name into the candle that represents them. Anoint the candles with the essential oils. Tie the candles together so they are facing each other. Place the Honeysuckle Flowers around the base of the candles.

Light both candles with a match and burn some sweet-smelling Rose or Patchouli incense. Say the following words over the candles 7 times-

"We Are Bound Together Forever, Always I Will Be Bound To You, You Will Always Be Bound To Me!"

Let the candles burn together for an hour and then snuff them out. Repeat the entire process every night until the candles have burned all the way down. Wrap up the remains of the spell in clean linens and bury them under a potted plant by the back door, you can also bury the remains at a

crossroads. Honeysuckle is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of water and the planet Venus.

Licorice Controlling Incense Recipe

Licorice Root is used in spells to strengthen willpower, increase beauty and dominate the will of others. In love spells Licorice Root can bind a lover to you. The easiest way to use Licorice Root is to drink a cup of Licorice Root Tea with breakfast.

If you would like to create a self-lighting loose leaf incense that allows you to dominate the will of others you will need 1 tbsp powdered Cloves, 1 tsp Salt Peter, 1 tbsp chopped up Licorice Root, 3 drops Lavender essential oil and 3 drops Orange essential oil. Crush and grind up the dry ingredients with a mortar and pestle. Once your mixture is powdered add the essential oils. Crush and mix the blend together again. Place the incense mixture into a small bowl and put it on your altar, say the following words over it 7 times-

"I Am A Figure Of Beauty, I Am A Figure Of Glory, Hear Me, Obey Me, Do As I Command!"

Leave the incense to dry for at least 12-24 hours. Your incense is now ready. To burn self-lighting incense place a couple pinches into a metal bowl. Use your fingers to form a cone shape in the powder. You can also press the incense in such a way where it looks like a small mountain range. Once you have shaped the incense light it with a match and let it burn all the way down.

To use this incense burn it and allow the smoke to cover your entire body before you go out. Licorice Root is associated with the astrological sign of virgo, the element of fire and the planet Mercury.

Magus Oil Recipe

Calamus (sweet flag) is an herb that gives a greater sense of self confidence as well as a powerful, dominating energy to a practitioner. Calamus is very protective and can break hexes. The plant can be burned in small amounts on activated charcoal to cleanse and purify the energy in a space.

To create magus oil you will need ¼ cup olive oil, 5 drops Ginger essential oil, 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, 1 tsp powdered Calamus Root and 3 pieces of Master Root. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with Frankincense smoke.

Place the Calamus Root and Master Root in the bottle. Add the olive oil, jojoba oil or vitamin E oil and essential oil, give the bottle 7 shakes and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Hear Me, I Am The Master, Hear Me, I Am A Figure Of Power, I Am A Figure Of Confidence!"

Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. You can use magus oil to anoint your forehead, ritual candles, magick bags, ceremonial tools, sigils or crystals. Calamus is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of water and the Moon.

Master Of The Woods For Employment

Master Of The Woods (woodruff) allows you to gain greater power and control in your life. This can be a helpful herb for finding employment as it helps you know just what to say at just the right time. Master Of The Woods is also very protective.

If you would like to use this plant to overcome a rival, do so by crushing it up and sprinkling it in a place where they will walk. If you need help getting a job carry a pouch filled with Master Of The Woods in your pocket while attending interviews. This herb helps ensure others will give you more respect and increases your chances of being promoted or getting a raise. Master Of The Woods is associated with the astrological sign of capricorn, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Compelling Oil Recipe

This oil compels others to see things your way and do as you wish. Compelling oil is designed to give its user a greater sense of power, confidence and authority.

For this recipe you will need ⅓ cup grapeseed oil, ½ tsp Master Of The Woods, ½ tsp diced-up Licorice Root, 15 drops Clove essential oil, ½ tsp Calamus Root and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all the dried ingredients into the bottle. Make sure that as you add every item you instruct it that its job is to help you be more compelling.

Heat the grapeseed oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid. Shake the bottle 7 times and leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, give the bottle 7 shakes. Hold the bottle in your hand and say the following words over it 7 times-

"I Have A Silver Tongue, I Have A Compelling Gaze, I Am A Figure Of Respect, I Am A Figure Of Power!"

Place the oil in a cool dry place where nobody will find it. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

This oil can be used to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, ceremonial tools, sigils and crystals. You can mix a few drops of the oil in with your hair spray, perfume or cologne.

Dammar Incense For Aura Repair

Dammar Resin (cat eye) is an uplifting spiritual incense that can be burned to help deal with sadness and depression. In ancient Egypt Dammar Resin was burned as an offering for the dead to give the spirit the hope needed to make it into the afterlife.

When an aura has been damaged by drug use, extreme depression or spiritual attack taking a Dammar smoke bath can begin the process of auric healing. To get a more potent effect burn Dammar Resin on activated charcoal with White Copal Resin. Dammar is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of fire and the planet Jupiter.

"Re-Animator" Movie Review

"You'll never get credit for my discovery, who's going to believe a talking head? Get a job in a sideshow." Stuart Gordon's "Re-Animator" is a loose adaptation of "The Curious Case of Herbert West". This is a story of scientific necromancy, a tale of a mad scientist who simply refuses to learn his lesson and stop reanimating corpses. This review is full of spoilers so if you want to be surprised by the movie skip to the last paragraph.

While studying medicine in Switzerland, West brings a dead professor back to life. Things go horribly wrong when it turns out West gave the professor too high of a dose of his reanimating agent. The professor dies again and West decides it's time to move on.

When West arrives at Miskatonic University in Arkham, Massachusetts he becomes the roommate of another student named Dan. Soon afterwards the dead body of Dan's cat shows up in the refrigerator. West claims the cat died in an accident, although the film implies that West killed the cat to perform experiments on it. Dan comes downstairs late one night to a really confusing sight- his undead cat attacking West! The manic cat is killed again and West takes the opportunity to demonstrate his reanimating agent to Dan. The cat is a mangled mess but it still manages to come back to life, Dan's girlfriend Megan walks in on the horrific scene and understandably is terrified.

When Dan tells the head of the University (who is also Megan's father) about the success of the reanimating agent the Dean implies that Dan and West are both ready for the looney bin. The young men are barred from the school but they decide they will break into the morgue to continue their experiments in reanimation. West and Dan manage to reanimate a

corpse but it becomes violent and ends up killing the Dean when he stumbles upon the commotion.

West is thrilled by the opportunity to test his reanimating agent on somebody who has just died and so he uses it on the Dean. The man comes back as a confused zombie. Doctor Hill (the main rival of West) puts the Dean into a padded room and later lobotomizes him. Hill realizes during the procedure that the Dean isn't alive but is actually a reanimated dead man.

Hill sneaks into West's laboratory and tries to blackmail him, demanding that West give him all the notes about his reanimation technology. Hill wants to take all the credit for West's work. West has none of it and decapitates Hill. West decides to try to reanimate Hill's severed head. The experiment works and West questions the head for a little bit. Unfortunately for West the head is able to control its body on the other side of the room and West is knocked unconscious. Dr. Hill steals his notes and heads back to the University.

Hill has acquired the ability to use telepathy to control other reanimated corpses. He uses his army of the undead to kidnap Dan's girlfriend Megan. What follows is one of the weirdest scenes of assault ever put on film.

The gruesome occurrence is interrupted by West and Dan. West, being the complete psychopath that he is, finds the whole thing amusing. He insults Hill for being so pathetic, only to then be attacked by Hill's zombie army. Dan rescues Meg in the middle of all the chaos. West injects Hill's body with a massive overdose of the reanimation formula. Hill's body transforms and attacks West. It would seem this is when West meets his end, but there are two more sequels in the series so he's fine.

Dan saves the formula and attempts to escape with Megan only for her to be killed by one of the rampaging zombies. In a fit of desperation Dan

takes her corpse to an empty room to inject her with the reanimating agent. He fills a syringe with the glowing green mixture, the screen goes black and a couple seconds later Megan begins screaming.

99% of this film is a fun horror-comedy, I just wish they hadn't added that one scene at the end. The movie was made for 1 million dollars but they managed to stretch every dollar. The gore and special effects are kind of goofy but I think that's intentional. My favorite part is the cat attack, it's a really funny scene because of how obviously fake it is, all West had to do was drop the cat puppet. The lead actor Jeffrey Combs is very intense and easily the best actor in the film. The theme song is basically a rip-off of the theme from "Psycho" but they remix it with a synthesizer in a way where it's just different enough.

Road Opener Herbal Soap Recipe

Abre Camino (queen of the meadow) clears away obstacles and opens the road to success, good luck and prosperity. This herb can be used for purification and helping with your love life. Abre Camino is a herb of the crossroads and powerful life-altering changes.

To create Abre Camino herbal soap you will need 6 cubes glycerin soap, 1 grated dried Lemon rind, ¼ cup Abre Camino, 4 drops Lemongrass essential oil and a muffin tin.

Start by melting the glycerin soap cubes with a microwave, use a pourable glass container. Heat the cubes for 30 seconds, if they haven't melted all the way heat them for another 20-30 seconds. Once the glycerin is fully melted add the rest of the ingredients and mix them together.

Wipe or spray a small amount of vegetable oil into the muffin tins. Pour ¼ cup of the mixture into each tin. Set them aside at room temperature for 8-12 hours and then place them in the freezer for 30 minutes. When the time is up insert a flat edged knife into the inside of the tins to dislodge the soaps. Lay the magical soap bars on your altar and say the following words over them 7 times-

"Remove The Obstacles That Block My True Path, Open My Eyes To All Opportunities!"

To activate the spiritual power of the soap bars use them in the shower, bath or when washing your hands. Abre Camino is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Hyssop Hair Gel Recipe

Hyssop is a holy, angelic plant used for protection, cleansing and purification. This herb helps overcome unwarranted feelings of guilt and fear. It makes a wonderful ingredient in potpourri blends and can be set around the house to bring a peaceful, purifying energy.

Placing small muslin bags filled with Hyssop around the home is very good for dispelling and clearing away negative energy.

To create your own spiritual Hyssop hair gel you will need at least ½ tsp gelatin, ½ cup warm water and 3 drops Hyssop essential oil. Start by dissolving the gelatin into the warm water. Keep adding small amounts of gelatin until you reach the desired consistency and stir the mixture. When you're satisfied with the thickness of your hair gel place it in the refrigerator to cool down for 3-4 hours. Add the Hyssop essential oil and mix the ingredients together. Say the following words over the mixture 7 times-

"Purify My Heart, Purify My Spirit, Uplift Me, Free My Soul!"

If you store your hair gel in the refrigerator it will last for 1-2 weeks. Every time you apply this gel imagine a holy white light is emanating from the gel as you place it on your head. Hyssop is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of fire and the planet Jupiter.

Lemon Balm Lotion Bar Recipe

This citrus-scented plant is used in spells for love, success and accomplishing goals quickly. Lemon Balm helps overcome difficult obstacles.

A pleasant way of performing a Lemon Balm success spell on yourself is by using a magical Lemon Balm lotion bar. To create this recipe you will need fresh shredded Lemongrass and Lemon Balm, 6 ounces virgin coconut oil, 6 ounces unrefined shea butter, 6 ounces cosmetic grade beeswax, 1 chopstick, dried Lemon Balm, a glass pyrex measuring cup, a 1 quart mason jar, a crockpot and a silicone cupcake mold.

Fill your crockpot halfway with water and set the temperature to low. Put the beeswax, coconut oil and shea butter in the mason jar and add the fresh herbs. Heat the jar and stir the contents occasionally with the chopstick until the ingredients are completely melted.

Turn off the crock pot and let the essence of the herbs absorb into the mixture for a few minutes. Remove the jar and use a strainer to get rid of the plant material. Pour the melted mixture into the glass measuring cup. Sprinkle some dried Lemon Balm on the bottom of each of the cupcake molds. Pour the melted mixture into the molds until it almost reaches the top. Leave the bars to sit until they have completely cooled down and then pop them out of the molds.

Place your collection of Lemon Balm lotion bars on your altar. Light some pleasant smelling incense and say the following words over the bars 7 times-

"I Accomplish My Goals, My Mind Is Focused, My Obstacles Are Removed From My Path!"

Anytime you wish to bring the energy of success into your life rub a Lemon Balm lotion bar in your hands until it warms up. Rub the bar all over your body, as you do so not only will you be absorbing that pleasant, wonderful Lemon Balm energy, you will also be moisturizing your skin. Lemon Balm is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of water and the Moon.

Road Opener Oil Recipe

This magical oil recipe is designed to remove blockages and help you find success in your endeavors.

For this recipe you will need ¼ cup olive oil, ½ tsp Abre Camino, 3 drops Lemongrass essential oil, 3 drops Hyssop essential oil and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all the dried ingredients into the bottle. Make sure you tell each item that its job is to help you remove blockages in your life. Heat the olive oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the olive oil into the bottle and screw on the lid, give it 7 shakes and leave it to cool down on the countertop. When the oil has cooled add the essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over it-

"The Way Is Clear To Me, The Road Is Open To Me, My Obstacles Are Removed!"

Place the bottle in a cool, dry area where nobody will find it. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. You can use this oil to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, sigils, crystals or yourself.

Road Opener Bath Crystal Recipe

If you feel like your efforts in love, school, business or elsewhere are being obstructed these spiritual bath crystals might help.

For this recipe you will need 1 cup epsom salts, 1 cup sea salt, 1 tsp Abre Camino, 7 drops Lemongrass essential oil, 3 drops Hyssop essential oil and a 4×4 inch piece of paper. Start by writing your name on the piece of paper 3 times, turn it once in a clockwise direction and write "OPEN ROAD" 3 times in large all-capital letters. Turn the piece of paper clockwise once more and sign your name as if you were endorsing a check 3 times.

Light the piece of paper on fire with a match and let it burn in a small glass or metal bowl. Once you are left with nothing but ashes add the epsom salt and sea salt into the bowl. Mix the salts together with the ashes and then add the Abre Camino, take the time to tell it that its job is to help you remove obstacles in your life. Mix in the essential oils and say the following words over the bath crystals 7 times-

"Open The Roads, Open The Gate, Open The Path, Open The Ways!"

After you're done mixing the ingredients place them on your altar. Every day for the next 3 days repeat those words over the mixture 7 times. After the 3rd session your bath crystals will be ready. To use the crystals in a ritual bath mix ½ cup of road opener crystals with a cup of warm water. Allow the bath crystals time to dissolve in the water.

Fill the bath with hot water, pour the bath crystal water into the tub. Light a few tealight candles with a match, turn off the lights and relax in the water. After the bath is done don't towel dry, allow yourself to air dry or use a blow dryer. Road opener bath crystals can also be added to floor washes.

Benzoin, The Harmony Incense Resin

Benzoin Resin is an incense resin with the ability to attract the positive while repelling the negative. Benzoin Resin can be burned in spells for good luck, exorcism, banishing, prosperity, protection, love and purification.

This is a wonderful incense to burn in temples and other sacred spaces. Sprinkle small amounts of the resin in areas around your home to protect it from evil spiritual forces. Benzoin Resin can be burned as part of spiritual healing rituals as it calms the spirit and clears the mind.

To use Benzoin Resin burn ½ tsp on activated charcoal. This is an excellent resin to use if you're engaged in any kind of divination or psychic work. Benzoin Resin is associated with the astrological sign of capricorn, the element of air and the Sun.

"From Beyond" Horror Movie Review

"Humans are such easy prey." This Lovecraft adaptation from Stuart Gordon is absolutely horrifying. The creatures in this film are the closest I've ever seen to what I visualize when I read the stories of the Cthulhu mythos. This movie has it all- slime, tentacles, body horror, the whole 9 yards. This review is very spoiler heavy so if you'd like to be surprised by the film skip to the last paragraph.

The movie begins with Dr. Edward Pretorius and his assistant Crawford Tillinghast starting up a machine called "the resonator". This device allows humans to see a variety of interdimensional creatures by stimulating the pineal gland.

Unfortunately things go horribly wrong and Pretorius gets his head bitten off. The little old lady across the street hears all the commotion and calls the police. The cops find the decapitated body of Pretorius and when they confront Crawford he keeps babbling about monsters. Naturally they assume Crawford killed Pretorius and that he's hopelessly insane.

The police take Crawford to a local mental hospital. Dr. Katherine Mcmichael takes interest in Crawford's case and manages to get custody of him. She intends to take him back to the house as part of one of her experiments. Bubba Brownlee (the detective working the case) insists on coming along because he is convinced Crawford is a dangerous lunatic. When they arrive at the house they turn on the resonator and are amazed by the weird creatures that appear all around them.

Suddenly Pretorius returns in a disgusting, mutated form. He explains that after being decapitated he was brought into a world of new pleasures. In life he was an extreme sadomasochist so one can only wonder what he's

referring to, but maybe it's better not to ask. He attacks the group with his disgusting, oversized slimy alien arms only to be stopped at the last second when Crawford turns off the machine.

The next morning Katherine is quite insistent that the resonator should be turned back on. She claims that the primary reason she wants to try it out again is because she thinks the technology can help people with schizophrenia and brain damage. The truth is she's motivated by the erotic effect the machine has on her. Naturally Crawford and Bubba disagree with her, probably because they don't want to get their heads bitten off. Katherine waits until the men fall asleep and goes up to the attic to turn on the machine. Mutant Pretorius shows up and tries to attack her again.

Crawford and Bubba have to save Katherine from getting her head bitten off. They run down to the basement to shut off the power only to discover the place has been taken over by a giant worm creature. Crawford is attacked by the beast but Bubba manages to shut off the power, saving Katherine and Crawford in the process. Bubba, being the only sane person in the room, insists that they leave the house but Pretorius manages to return and attack them again. Katherine and Crawford run up to the attic to try to turn off the machine. They're attacked by weird bee monsters and Bubba gets killed saving them.

Crawford's pineal gland pops out of his forehead while Katherine deactivates the machine by destroying it with a fire extinguisher.

Katherine and Crawford escape back to the hospital. Everyone thinks Katherine has gone insane because she's telling stories of weird monsters. They start setting up Katherine for a sadistic session of shock therapy but then Crawford (who by now has a large pineal gland poking out of his head) attacks the attending doctor and eats his brain. Katherine gets her

hands on a bomb and head back towards the house with mutant Crawford chasing after her.

She puts the bomb on the resonator but before she can leave Crawford attacks her. He tries to eat her brain but in desperation she bites off his pineal gland in a scene that is clearly meant to represent castration. Crawford gets his senses back but it's too late, Pretorius has managed to cause the separate wires of the machine to come back together and override the short circuit.

Pretorius is even more grotesque than before, he goes in for the attack and Crawford challenges him. Pretorius sends hideous bat monsters to tear him up. The creatures knock Crawford down and rip his head off. Pretorius is about to decapitate Katherine when Crawford comes out of the body of Pretorius. He's pulled back in and the men start fighting for control. Crawford ends up pulling the head of his adversary into his own stomach, tearing him apart from the inside out. Katherine manages to escape through the attic window just as the bomb explodes, destroying the machine in the process.

In the final moments of the film Katherine does what every good Lovecraft protagonist should do and goes completely barking mad. As the neighbors gather around her she shrieks "it ate him!" and starts laughing like a loony.

"From Beyond" features 2 of the stars from "Re-animator", these being Jeffrey

Combs (Herbert West) and Barbara Crampton (Megan) as lead characters. This time instead of being antagonistic they're... love interests? It's very odd but they make it work. The actors do a fantastic job with the material, I was very nervous every time Pretorius showed up. The special effects are decent considering the limited budget, although some of the

creature effects are somewhat hokey. Still, better a goofy practical effect than CGI any day of the week. The music is all right but I can't see anyone going out and buying the soundtrack. This movie has some disturbing sexual references and a great deal of gore and violence, I wouldn't suggest showing it to anyone under the age of 17. If you're a fan of creepy mad scientist creature features this would be a good movie to watch alone at night while munching down on some cheddar popcorn.

"Magick Without Tears" Book Review

This is the final book from Aleister Crowley. "Magick Without Tears" is a collection of over 80 letters published after the man's death. Mr. Crowley spends about a quarter of the book referencing his other works and telling his fans they need to go read this or that. I can only imagine the frustration of going to the bookshop and having to order whole lists of manuscripts and books, if only Mr. Crowley had lived in an age where he could have sent his fans a bunch of website links.

Towards the beginning of the book Mr. Crowley defines magick as "the science and art of causing change to occur in conformity with Will", he points out that he considered the people he hired to create his books as magical entities working on his behalf, I wonder if the same standard could apply to my pizza delivery man?

It's always a strange experience reading the final work of an author, especially when it's a collection of letters they were writing right before their death. It's almost like Mr. Crowley died mid-conversation. If you're wondering about the content of the letters themselves, well, if you're just getting into the work of Mr. Crowley this is not the book to start with. I would suggest treating this as the Crowley series finale, otherwise you're not going to understand a lot of his references.

Catnip For Friendship

This minty herb is very helpful in spells designed to increase the love between family, friends and animals. Growing Catnip in the garden attracts friendly spirits to your home. Catnip can be added to any spell designed to work with or protect cats. Be careful where you place your Catnip, kitties love to eat this stuff and will knock over anything in their path to get it. Burn a mixture of Catnip and Star Anise on activated charcoal to enhance your psychic abilities. Hanging up small muslin bags filled with Catnip around the home helps bring good luck.

If you wish to use Catnip to cast a spell to attract a certain person you will need 2 pink figure candles, one to represent you and one to represent the other person. Carve your name into your candle and carve their name into their candle. Anoint both candles with Orange essential oil and Cinnamon essential oil.

Place the candles a couple feet apart and turn them so they're facing each other. Create a trail of Catnip between the candles. Burn some lovely smelling incense and light each candle with a match. Bring the candles a few inches closer along the Catnip trail. Say the following words 7 times-

"Closer We Will Be, Closer To Me, Closer To You, Closer We Will Be"

Let the candles burn for an hour and then snuff them out. Every night bring the candles a couple inches closer to each other and repeat the above process. When the candles are right next to each other allow them to melt together. Once the candles have burned all the way down bury the wax remains at a crossroads or under a potted plant by the front door. Catnip is associated with the astrological sign of libra, the element of water and the planet Venus.

Kitty Protection Spell

If you need to cast a protective candle spell for your cat start by cleansing a cat-shaped candle with Frankincense smoke. Carve your cat's name into the wax. Anoint the candle with Cinnamon essential oil. Sprinkle small amounts of Catnip all over the candle. Burn pleasant smelling incense and light the candle with a match. Say the following prayer over the flame-

"Oh Bast, Goddess Of Cats, Please Protect My Kitty (your cat's name), I Love Her/Him As If She/He Were My Own Child, Oh Bast, I Beg For Your Intercession, Guide Her/Him So She/He Will Not Be Eaten Or Cruelly Hurt, Oh Bast, Please Watch Out For (you cat's name)."

Let the candle burn for 1-2 hours and then snuff it out. Repeat the above process every night until the candle has burned all the way down. Bury or store the remains of the spell in an area where your cat loves to play. It would be a good idea to set out a glass of red wine for Bast as a way of thanking her for her time.

Vanilla Bean For Peace

Vanilla Bean can be effective in spells for peace, love and prosperity. In reconciliation work Vanilla Beans can be used to reignite the fires of love and allow both parties to get along better. When Vanilla Bean is burned it attracts positive energy and prosperity, making it an excellent addition to money and abundance spells, especially when paired with Patchouli.

To create a peaceful energy incense blend mix together 1 crushed-up Vanilla Bean, ½ tbsp Myrrh Resin and 2 drops Lavender essential oil. Sprinkle ½ tsp-1 tsp on activated charcoal and let the smoke fill the area. Vanilla Bean is associated with the astrological sign of taurus, the element of water and the planet Venus.

Damiana Love Liquor Recipe

Damiana is a powerful aphrodisiac that can be used in spells for love and passion. A cup of Damiana Tea a day can help reignite passion between you and your lover, although it should be noted that sometimes this herb has to be ingested for a few days before it starts working.

Damiana can be used as an ingredient in aphrodisiac alcoholic mixtures. To make your own Damiana love liquor you will need 1 cup dried Damiana Leaves, 2 cups tequila, 1 split and chopped-up Vanilla Bean, 1 cup water and 1 cup raw honey.

Start by soaking the Damiana, Vanilla Bean and tequila for 5 days. Remove the plant material with a strainer and keep the alcohol part in a glass jar. Mix the alcohol infused Damiana and Vanilla Bean with the cup of water and store it in a separate glass jar for 3 days. Strain the plant material from the water.

Heat the water extract on the stovetop at medium heat in a pot and dissolve the honey into the water. Mix the alcohol extract and honey water. Pour the mixture into a glass bottle that has been properly boiled and sterilized beforehand and let it age for about 4 weeks. Your Damiana love liquor is ready to serve. Damiana is associated with the astrological sign of libra, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Reconciliation Oil Recipe

If you're trying to reconcile a lost friendship or broken relationship this oil recipe might be able to help.

To create reconciliation oil you will need ⅓ cup sweet almond oil, ½ tsp Catnip, 1 freshly crushed-up Vanilla Bean, 3 drops Marjoram essential oil, 2 drops Orange essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all the dried ingredients into the bottle. As you add every item tell it that its job is to bring reconciliation between you and the one you are separated from. Heat the sweet almond oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid.

Shake the bottle 7 times and let it cool down on the countertop. Add the essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil and give it 7 shakes. Say the following words over the bottle 7 times-

"Let There Be Peace Between Me And (the person's name), Let There Be Friendship Between Me And (the person's name)!"

Place the oil in a cool, dry place. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. Reconciliation oil can be used to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, crystals and sigils, it can also be added to your bath water, worn as a perfume or used as a moisturizer.

Reconciliation Perfume Recipe

This recipe is designed to create a perfume that helps reconcile a friendship or relationship that has been lost. To create your own reconciliation perfume you will need 1 Vanilla Bean, 30 drops Orange essential oil, ¼ tsp Catnip, 4 drops Marjoram essential oil, ¼ cup strong vodka and ¼ cup sweet almond oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass jar with incense smoke.

Grind up the herbs and spices with a mortar and pestle. Place The herbal blend and vodka into a glass jar. Screw on the lid tightly and shake it 3 times, say the following words over it 3 times-

"Together Again, We Can Be Friends Again, Together Again, We Can Open Up To Each Other, Together Again."

Shake the jar 3 times a day and say the above prayer over it 3 times a day every day for the next 4 weeks. When enough time has passed use a strainer to remove the plant material. Combine the infused alcohol mixture with the sweet almond oil and essential oils in a spray bottle or perfume bottle. Give the bottle 7 shakes and your perfume will be ready.

Every time you go to spray this perfume on yourself give the bottle 1-2 shakes beforehand. It's important to note that if you're trying to get back together with an ex-lover the perfume only has a chance of working if they aren't involved with someone else.

Soul Cakes Recipe For Samhain

The ancient Pagan festival of Samhain takes place on October 31st. This holiday is about celebrating the coming of the harvest and the darkest part of the year. During this time the barrier between our world and the world of the spirits is at its thinnest, making Samhain an ideal time for spirit work. If you and your friends want to get together and have a séance this is the night to do it.

Samhain celebrations involve dancing around a bonfire, partaking in feasts and creating altars to honor the ancestors. Symbols of the harvest such as pumpkins, apples and potatoes are often given as offerings to the spirits or used to decorate these altars. If somebody close has passed away the celebrants might make their favorite meal and set a place for them at the table. It is traditional to put a picture of the person by their plate along with a lit candle.

The Halloween tradition of the jack-o'-lantern comes from an old Irish Samhain custom in which people would carve scary faces into turnips and place them in the windows to scare away evil spirits. When Irish immigrants moved to America they started using pumpkins instead. The name "jack-o'-lantern" originated from an Irish folk tale about a character named Stingy Jack. In the story Jack invited the devil to drink with him. Jack didn't want to pay the tab so he tricked the devil into turning himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks.

Delicious Soul Cakes are a popular food to serve on Samhain. In ancient times they were thrown onto the fire as offerings to the Gods and Goddesses of the season. During Samhain the poor would go from home to

home begging for these treats. Nowadays instead of beggars little kids in costumes show up asking for candy.

If you would like to bake your own Soul Cakes you will need ½ cup milk, 2 and ½ cups all-purpose flour, ½ tsp powdered Ginger, ½ tsp powdered Cinnamon, ¼ tsp powdered Allspice, ⅛ tsp powdered Cloves, ¼ tsp Nutmeg, ½ tsp salt, 1 tsp apple cider vinegar, ¾ cup softened unsalted butter, 1 cup sugar and 1 beaten egg. Using a food processor for this recipe will make the baking process easier. Heat the oven to 400 degrees fahrenheit. Mix all the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Add the butter and keep mixing until you get a crumbly consistency, if you don't have a food processor you can use your hands, just keep squeezing and grabbing the dough. Beat the egg and vinegar together in a separate bowl and gradually mix them in with the other ingredients. Press all the other ingredients together in a ball and place the bowl in the refrigerator for 20-30 minutes.

While the dough is cooling grease up a couple cookie sheets. When the dough is ready flatten it with a rolling pin until it's about ¼ inch thick. Use a round cookie cutter to cut out several pieces of dough and place them on the cookie sheet. Bake the cakes for 11-15 minutes, you'll know the cakes are ready when the tops are light gold in color.

Once the cakes have been removed from the oven and cooled down they'll be ready to serve. Be sure to seal up any cakes that aren't eaten in an airtight container as Soul Cakes go stale very quickly.

"Hex Hollow" Documentary Review

This is a true crime documentary about a relatively modern murder of a witch. This horrible crime took place in 1928 in the state of Pennsylvania. The area has come to be known as hex hollow because of the nature of the gruesome crime and the legends that sprung up around it.

The documentary details how many years ago a local man named John Blymire became convinced by a local witch woman named Nellie Noll that his neighbor Nelson Rehmeyer had put a curse on him. She told Blymire that he could break the curse but he would have to steal Rehmeyer's spell book or a lock of his hair. Blymire convinced a couple of local teenagers to help him and they broke into Rehmeyer's house one night.

It turned out Rehmeyer's "spell book" was just a collection of Christianized folk magic called "The Long Lost Friend". Rehmeyer practiced a form of spiritual healing called Pow Wow, a tradition well-known among Pennsylvania locals.

The trio could not find Rehmeyer's book but they did find the man, they proceeded to beat and strangle him to death. In an effort to cover up their crime they tried to set the house and body on fire. Oddly enough the house did not burn and enough of Rehmeyer's body was intact that the cops had what they needed to catch the assailants. The fact that the house didn't burn is part of what led many locals to insist Rehmeyer had in fact been a powerful witch.

This documentary doesn't feel very sensationalized, it's more about going around interviewing people who were related to those involved in the crime or who grew up hearing the story. The documentary doesn't have a high budget or anything flashy but there are some excellent

illustrated sequences used to detail past events. I looked forward to each of these sections. The segments about the spiritual practice of Pow Wow were pretty in-depth, I'd never heard of the practice before watching this film. This is a good documentary to watch if you're interested in American legends or if you're a true crime fan.

"The Book of Enoch" Book Review

"The Book of Enoch" is one of the most well-known of the apocryphal texts and was very popular with early Christians. This is a collection of different writings and stories that center in part around an extremely obscure character in the Bible named Enoch. The first part is called "The Book of the Watchers", it tells the story of how a tribe of angels came down from heaven to marry and reproduce with human women. These angels taught mankind how to make weapons, employ magical practices, perform astrology and other such things. The angel-human hybrid children were giants that went about devouring all the food that was to be had and when they ran out of food they started eating humans.

Soon the world was covered in these horrible monstrous Nephilim who were devouring people. Wars and all kinds of horrific blasphemies were widespread. The Christian God became so angry that he started telling various angels to prepare Noah for the great flood. God insisted that they needed to kill off the Nephilim and imprison the leader of the earthly angelic tribe. The human Enoch was sent by God to warn the earthly tribe of angels of the horrors about to befall them.

The rest of "The Book of Enoch" is composed of a bunch of apocrypha which focuses on the coming messiah of the Jewish people, the time of final judgment and various visions of the heavens and the holy entities therein. This book was very instrumental in forming the early Christian idea of hell.

The Christian church didn't include "The Book of Enoch" in the Bible because the work claims that Enoch was the messiah whereas Christians have come to believe that Jesus was the messiah. It really is a pity, sunday

school would have been more interesting if we'd studied the story from "The Book Of Watchers". "The Book Of Enoch" was so successful among early Christians that other spin-off books of Christian lore were created.

Unfortunately there's a big problem with this book, most of it is just so damn boring. It starts off really good, the story in "The Book Of The Watchers" could easily be made into an awesome movie or novel (or anime perhaps?). After the first part it becomes a bunch of visions, lists of angels and their functions and talks of the final judgment over and over and over again.

If you have a strong interest in Christian mythology or the Bible by all means read this book, or at least the first part.

Bay Leaf Manifestation Oil Recipe

This popular seasoning is an herb of manifestation, protection, prosperity and psychic ability. If you're putting together a spell for financial success incorporate some Bay Leaves. A popular Bay Leaf spell is to write a wish on 3 pieces of dried Bay Leaf and burn them in order to help bring about the desired outcome.

Bay Leaves can be burned to purify the energy in a space. If you suspect an unwanted spiritual entity has made its home in your residence burn some dried Bay Leaves and smoke out every room and cupboard.

To make a Bay Leaf-infused oil for cooking spells grind up 2-3 tbsp fresh Bay Leaves with a mortar and pestle. Place the leaves in a glass jar that has been cleansed inside and outside with incense smoke.

Pour 1 cup olive oil over the leaves and seal the jar. Cover the jar with stickers that represent what you are trying to manifest. Leave the mixture in a cool, dry place for 2 weeks. Every day take out the jar, give it a couple of gentle shakes and say your wish aloud before putting it back. When enough time has passed use a strainer to remove the plant material. Add this oil to your meals and keep it in the refrigerator when not in use. Bay Leaf is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of fire and the Sun.

Five Finger Grass For Giving Speeches

Five Finger Grass (Cinquefoil) is an herb with 5 pointed leaves. In folk magic it's believed that the 5 points represent health, money, love, power and wisdom. One of the main ways in which this herb is used is to bring success in business ventures, contract work, court cases, gambling and anything else involving your 5 fingers.

Carrying a small bag of Five Finger Grass in your pocket while giving a speech increases your eloquence.

Five Finger Grass gives its user a greater sense of confidence. This herb makes an excellent addition to money and good luck spells.

Five Finger Grass is a popular ingredient to use in spiritual baths designed to remove curses and hexes. To protect your home from spiritual attacks hang Five Finger Grass in a muslin bag above your front and back door and above each bed. Five Finger Grass is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of air and the planet Jupiter.

Solomon's Seal Wisdom Incense Recipe

This Appalachian root got its name from the belief that it was used by the wise King Solomon in his spiritual work. Solomon's Seal Root is believed to increase passion in love spells and can be added to recipes designed to bring greater clarity, wisdom and insight.

Solomon's Seal can seal any work or promise. If you're trying to get over a bad habit or addiction try carrying some Solomon's Seal Root to stay bound to your goal of self-improvement.

Burning incense made from Solomon's Seal Root increases your wisdom and ability to perceive things as they are. To create Solomon's Seal incense you will need 2 tbsp Solomon's Seal Root and 1 tbsp Black Copal. Grind the ingredients together with a mortar and pestle. When the mixture has been sufficiently crushed say the following words over it 7 times-

"Bring Me Greater Wisdom, Bring Me Greater Clarity, Allow Me To See Things As They Truly Are."

To activate this incense burn ½ tsp-1 tsp on activated charcoal. Solomon's Seal Root is associated with the element of water and the planet Saturn.

Success Oil Recipe

This oil is designed to help give you the wisdom, strength and courage to overcome obstacles and find success in your endeavors.

For this recipe you will need ¼ cup grapeseed oil, 4 drops Bergamot essential oil, ½ tsp Solomon's Seal Root, 1 Bay Leaf, 3 Coffee Beans and 10 drops of jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Add the dried ingredients into the bottle. Be sure to tell each item that its job is to help you remove obstacles and be more successful. Heat the grapeseed on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid. Shake the bottle 7 times and leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil and give the bottle 7 shakes. Say the following words over it-

"My Vision Is Clear, My Roads Are Open, I Am Steadfast In My Resolve, I Accomplish My Goals!"

Place the bottle in a cool dry place where nobody will find it. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. You can use this oil to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, amulets, ceremonial tools, crystals and sigils.

Bergamot Prosperity Oil Recipe

The rind of this magical citrus fruit is used for spiritual healing, increasing courage, bringing success and suppressing negative impulses. If you're casting any kind of financial or money-drawing spell add some Bergamot for a better result.

If you would like to create a spiritual oil with Bergamot to help attract money and promote success in financial & business matters you will need ⅓ cup grapeseed oil, 7 drops Bergamot essential oil, 3 dried Bay Leaves and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier jar with incense smoke.

Ask the Bay Leaves to help manifest more money and successful dealings and then place them in the bottle. Heat the grapeseed oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid, shake it 7 times and leave it to cool on the countertop. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over it 7 times-

"I Am Prosperous, I Am Successful, I Make The Proper Financial Decisions!"

Place the bottle in a cool, dry place where nobody will find it. Every day for 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready for use. You can use this oil to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, amulets, ceremonial tools, sigils and crystals. Bergamot is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of air and the Moon.

Success Candle Spell

Whether you are starting a new business, struggling in school or embarking on a journey it can be very helpful to cast a success spell to remove potential obstacles to your success. This spell is designed to give you the foresight to be able to avoid pitfalls as well as the strength and courage to overcome adversity.

For this spell you will need 1 purple candle, a copy of "The Star" card from a tarot deck, ½ tbsp Solomon Seal Root, ½ tbsp Myrrh Resin, Bergamot essential oil, 1 Bay Leaf, ½ tbsp Five Finger Grass, a personal concern such as hair, fingernails or skin flakes from the subject of the spell and 4 white candles.

Mix and crush the Solomon Seal Root, Myrrh Resin, Bay Leaf and Five Finger Grass together with a mortar and pestle. Place the mixture in a small glass or ceramic bowl and set it aside. Carve the name of the subject into the purple candle. Anoint the candles with Bergamot essential oil. Set the personal concern on the image of "The Star" card. Place the purple candle on top of the personal concern and position the 4 white candles at each of the corners of the card.

Take the mixture from your altar and burn ½ tsp-1 tsp on activated charcoal. Light the candles with a match and say the following words 7 times-

"The Road To Success Is Open To Me, I Have The Strength And Courage To Triumph!"

Let the candles burn for a couple hours and then snuff them out. Repeat the above process every night until each of the candles have burned all the

way down. Take the remains of the spell and bury them at a crossroads or near a path or road that goes through the woods.

Sandalwood Mystical Incense Uses

Sandalwood is a sacred wood used in rites of purification and consecration. It can aid in healing, prosperity and protection spells. To activate the spiritual power of Sandalwood burn the wood or resin of the tree on its own or as an ingredient in an incense blend. Some people like to write down their intention on small sticks of Sandalwood with the idea being that as it burns the smoke will carry their wishes up to the heavens.

Burning Sandalwood produces holy energy. If you operate a temple or other sacred space you might want to use Sandalwood on a regular basis. Sandalwood produces a very peaceful, balancing energy. This is an excellent wood to burn while engaged in meditation. Sandalwood is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of water and the Moon.

Mystical 3 Kings Incense Recipe

3 Kings incense produces the energy of tranquility and peace. The name of this blend comes from its inclusion of Frankincense and Myrrh, 2 out of 3 of the gifts that were given to Jesus by the 3 wise men in the nativity story.

3 Kings Incense is used to prepare a space for ritual work. It's an especially helpful incense blend to burn while performing healing or prosperity spells. If you feel like your life is completely out of balance burn 3 Kings incense daily to bring a sense of equilibrium.

To create this recipe you will need equal parts Frankincense Resin, Myrrh Resin and Benzoin Resin. Mix the resins together but do not crush them. Place the mixture in a small glass or ceramic bowl on your altar and say the following words over the blend 7 times-

"By The Light Of Holy Fire I Consecrate You, By The Light Of The Divine Source I Empower You!"

To use this incense burn ½ tsp-1 tsp on activated charcoal.

Yule Wassail Recipe

Yule is a Pagan celebration of the winter solstice. It's a holiday about the return of the Sun and rebirth. The shortest day of the year has arrived and every day after will be longer and that much closer to spring.

Yule is a time of grand bonfires and twinkling candles. Evergreen trees are popular in Yule celebrations because they stay bright and leafy while other trees lose their leaves during winter. Celebrants often set up a Yule altar and cleanse their home by burning Cedar, Pine and Rosemary. Sometimes these altars are made from logs that have been decorated with evergreen boughs and candles.

Yule lasts a total of 12 days from the winter solstice. On each of these days family members receive a special gift from their loved ones. Feasting on plum pudding, roast poultry, Yule log cake and drinking Wassail (hot spiced Apple cider) is one of the best parts of the holiday. If you would like to make some tasty Wassail here's the recipe.

To make Wassail you will need ¼ tsp ground Cloves, 3 Cinnamon Sticks, 1 Orange Peel, 7 whole Allspice Berries, 6 cups Apple Juice, 1 cup Orange Juice, 1 Lemon Peel, ¼ tsp ground Ginger and 2 pieces Star Anise.

Place all of the ingredients into a medium saucepan. Heat them up until they're almost boiling and then turn the heat down to the low setting. Let the mixture simmer on the stovetop for about 30-40 minutes. When enough time has passed the Wassail will be ready to serve.

"Season of the Witch (1973)" Movie Review

"Oh, how in the hell can someone have so many opinions without ever having done anything?" If "Simon, King of the Witches" is an example of a movie from the 1970's witch exploitation craze done right then George A. Romero's film, "Season of the Witch" is a case study in what happens when one of these films go terribly wrong. There are lots of spoilers in this review so if you want to be surprised by the events in this film skip to the last paragraph.

Joan is a housewife going through a midlife crisis. She lives with her businessman husband Jack in the suburbs of Pittsburgh with their college student daughter, Nikki. Jack is a jerk who's always out on long business trips. Joan keeps having nightmares about how controlling her husband is, one in particular has him pulling her around on a dog collar and stuffing her in a cage. I thought at first maybe this was some kind of S&M thing between them until I realized it was a dream sequence. She goes to a psychotherapist but the guy is completely worthless and even goes as far as to slap her at one point.

Joan finds out about a new woman in the neighborhood named Marion. Her friends insist that Marion is a witch so Joan and her friend Shirley go out to Marion's house for a tarot reading. Marion turns out to be a rather self-important sort of witch. She goes on and on about mystical, pseudo-religious ideas and Joan is intrigued.

After the tarot reading Joan and Shirley make the unfortunate acquaintance of Gregg, Nikki's student teacher and sex-buddy. Gregg hits on Joan but she isn't into it. Gregg messes with Shirley by tricking her into thinking she just smoked pot, he then gets up in her face and starts acting

like a complete psychopath. Joan kicks him out of the house for being obnoxious. I hoped this was the last we would see of him but no, apparently he's the movie's love interest.

Joan takes Shirley home and when she gets back she can hear her daughter and Gregg having sex. Instead of being a good parent and spraying them both with a fire extinguisher she heads off to the bedroom and starts…doing certain things. Nikki walks in on her and the scene only gets more awkward from there.

The next day Nikki runs away. Nobody has any idea where she went and Joan gets lonely and depressed. Joan buys a book about witchcraft. I had a good laugh at the design of this thing because it literally looked like somebody in the prop department put something together with construction paper and glued it onto the front of a regular book. For some reason she casts a lust spell on Gregg and soon they're having sex.

Joan keeps having nightmares. Every 3rd scene at this point in the movie is a damn dream sequence. Most of these scenes involve Joan being attacked by a weird home Invader with a demon mask. After the first couple times it felt like they were just throwing in these parts to pad out the runtime.

Joan keeps experimenting with witchcraft. Nikki is found in Buffalo, New York and will be coming home in a few days. Joan has sex with Gregg again and then breaks up with him. I guess 40 year-old student teachers aren't her thing.

Joan's husband comes home early from a business trip. Unfortunately Joan just had another nightmare and ends up shooting him because she thinks he's an intruder, or at least that's the story she tells the cops. Joan joins the local witch coven headed by Marion. She's cleared of her

husband's death and starts going around telling people at parties she's a witch.

This movie oozes with the grime and sleaziness of the 1970's. I'm not even sure why witchcraft was an element in this film, it was mostly just about a bored housewife with a crappy husband who wants to have sex and get rid of said husband. You could just as easily take out all the magical elements and it would practically be the same movie.

This film was specifically shot to make the audience feel as uncomfortable as possible. Everything in this movie looks disgusting. Other than a stray cat there isn't a single likable character in the entire movie, avoid this one.

7 Archangels Incense Recipe

This divine resin blend is used for healing, protection, cleansing and ritual work, it also smells absolutely Heavenly, pun intended.

To create this recipe you will need ½ tbsp Frankincense, ½ tbsp Myrrh, ½ tbsp Benzoin, ½ tbsp White Copal, ½ tbsp Dammar, ½ tbsp Sandalwood, 2 drops Peppermint essential oil and 2 drops Lemon essential oil. Mix together each of the resins but do not crush them. Add the essential oils, make sure to spread them around, don't place all the drops in a single spot. Mix the resins together again for about 20-30 seconds.

Spread the mixture out on a piece of wax paper placed upon your altar. Say the following prayer over the blend 3 times-

"By The 7 Archangels Michael, Jegudiel, Gabriel, Selaphiel, Raphael, Uriel And Barachiel, I Bless This Incense."

Leave the incense blend alone for several hours. Once the essential oils have fully dried the incense will be ready for use. To use this incense you only need to add ½ tsp-1 tsp to a disc of activated charcoal.

Lilacs For A Fun, Short Fling

Lilacs are perfect for situations where all you want is an uncomplicated short-term fling. This purple flower carries a very flirtatious, playful energy.

To create an incense designed to attract a fun, short term relationship mix together 2 tbsp dried Lilac Flowers, 3 drops Orange essential oil and 1 tbsp Frankincense in a small glass or ceramic bowl. Say the following words over the incense 7 times-

"A Bit Of Fun, A Bit Of Play, Bring Me A Lover, If Not For Tomorrow Then At Least For Today."

To activate this incense burn ½-1 tsp on activated charcoal. Allow the smoke to cover you from head to foot before going out. Lilacs are ruled by the element of water and the planet Venus.

Jasmine, Flower Of The Moon

Jasmine (queen of the night) is a fragrant flower that only blooms at night. This magical flower is highly prized as an addition to scented oils, perfumes and tea. Due to its association with night and the Moon these flowers make an excellent offering for goddesses associated with love, dreams and sex.

To induce prophetic dreams drink a cup of Jasmine Tea before going to bed. Jasmine Flowers can be added to dream pillows along with other relaxing herbs such as Lavender, Rosemary, Thyme, Chamomile, Mugwort and Hops. Jasmine is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of water and the Moon.

Basil Flying Ointment Recipe

Basil can be very helpful in spells for love, money, blessings, astral work and protection. If you wish to attract more love into your life rub some fresh Basil Leaves on your skin, especially around the face and neck. Kitchen witches can add Basil to meals they intend to feed to the one they desire.

The presence of Basil removes negative energy. Placing a few potted Basil Plants around the home is a good way of bringing protective energy into your house.

Carry a Basil Leaf in your wallet or purse to help attract financial opportunities. Basil can be used as a prosperity floor sweep, simply sprinkle small amounts of powdered Basil all over the floor of your home and let it sit for an hour. When enough time has passed sweep it out the door with a broom and visualize all of your financial difficulties going with it.

If you wish to make a Basil flying oil to enhance the effects of meditation and astral work heat up 1 cup coconut oil at the low setting in a slow cooker. Throw in a handful of freshly chopped Basil and 3 pieces freshly crushed Star Anise, let them steep for 4-6 hours. When enough time has passed turn off the heat, let the mixture cool down and remove the plant material with a strainer. Mix in 2 drops Peppermint essential oil and 2 drops Lavender essential oil, your flying ointment is now ready. Anoint your forehead or hands while attempting astral projection or engaged in meditation to get the best results. Basil is associated with the astrological sign of scorpio, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Chamomile To Get Rid Of Hexes

Chamomile (earth apple) is most well-known for being a delicious herb to boil up into a soothing tea. In spiritual work these small, pleasant-smelling yellow flowers can help increase luck, bring prosperity, create peaceful energy and get rid of hexes. Chamomile radiates powerful Sun energy and is perfect for any work where the goal is to bring about a "sunny disposition" in yourself or another person.

Sprinkling dried Chamomile inside your wallet or purse or where you conduct business can help attract money. Wash your hands and feet with lucky Chamomile Tea and allow them to air-dry before going out to gamble.

If you suspect somebody is hexing you sprinkle 1-2 cups of Chamomile Flowers around the floors of your home. Leave the Chamomile Flowers sitting there for at least an hour so their energy has time to dispel the negativity. Use an old-fashioned broom to sweep the flowers out the front door along with all that nasty hex energy.

Chamomile is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of water and the Sun.

Quassia "Pay Me Back" Spell

Quassia Wood is a powerful plant used primarily for controlling and debt repayment spells. If you wish to use Quassia to help get money that is owed to you burn it on activated charcoal with Cinnamon Chips and Clove Buds, as the incense burns say the following words 7 times-

"(Name of the one who owes you money), Pay Me What You Owe Me! (Name of the one who owes you money), Repay Your Debt To Me!"

It helps to look at a picture of the person who owes you money as you perform this spell. If you're trying to get money back from a company, stare at their website or business page while engaging in the above process.

To dominate your lover, take a personal concern from them such as a piece of their clothing, fingernail clippings or skin flakes and burn it with a few Quassia Chips. This will produce a black ashy powder. Place the powder into a small purple silk or flannel bag and hide it in order to gain greater control in your relationship.

Money Attraction Incense Recipe

Money attraction incense creates the kind of spiritual energy that helps bring financial opportunities. Keep in mind you'll still have to do the footwork, just burning this incense won't make $5,000 appear at your doorstep but it might help you get a better job, a raise, a tax rebate or something of that sort.

To create this incense you will need ½ tbsp powdered Cinnamon, 2 crushed Bay Leaves and ½ tbsp Frankincense Resin. Crush and mix the ingredients together with a mortar and pestle. Set the incense in a small glass bowl on your altar. Place a piece of Clear Quartz Crystal in the middle of the incense. Say the following words over the mixture 7 times-

"Money, Flock To My Wallet, Fill My Bank Account, Money, Money, Come To Me"

Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your incense will be charged and ready for use. To activate this incense add ½ tsp-1 tsp to some activated charcoal, allow the smoke to cover you from head to foot. The best time to use this incense is before going to job interviews, events where you will be working as a vendor, trade shows or any other situation where there is the possibility of making money.

Prosperity Oil Recipe

Prosperity oil is designed to help improve your financial situation. Keep in mind that you still have to put in the footwork to bring income, this oil simply helps open doors that might have been closed to you otherwise.

To create this oil you will need ⅓ cup grapeseed oil, ½ tsp Chamomile, ½ tsp Basil, 3 Cinnamon Chips, 7 drops Ginger essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all the dried ingredients into the bottle. Make sure that you instruct every item that its job is to help bring more good luck & prosperity into your life. Heat up the grapeseed oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle. Screw on the lid and shake it 7 times. Leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the Ginger essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil and give it 7 shakes. Say the following words over the bottle 7 times-

"Prosperity, Come To Me, Opportunities, Come To Me, Good Fortune, Come To Me!"

Place the oil in a cool, dark place where nobody will find it. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready for use. There are a few different ways to use this oil, you can anoint your wallet, purse or the bottom of your cash register or cash box with it once a week. Prosperity oil can be used to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, sigils, crystals and ceremonial tools. A few drops can be added to the bath or mixed in with hair care products such as gel or pomade.

"The Raven (1963)" Fantasy Movie Review

This film is one of the 8 different movies produced by Roger Corman that were loosely based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe. "The Raven" has always been held up as one of the greatest poems ever written and with good reason, it's deeply emotional, atmospheric and filled with a deep sense of sadness. This movie answers the question "why is the raven in the poem able to speak?" In other words the poem is treated more as a springboard for an entirely new tale of fantasy. This review is spoiler heavy, if you want to be surprised by the film skip to the last paragraph.

The film adaptation of "The Raven'' takes place during the medieval era. The main character Dr. Erasmus Craven (Vincent Price) is still heartbroken over the untimely death of his wife Lenore 2 years ago. One night he receives a visit by a wizard named Dr. Bedlo (Peter Lorre). Bedlo has been transformed into a talking raven. Craven manages to change him back to his human form with a potion. It turns out Bedlo was transformed by a rival named Dr. Scarabus (Boris Karloff) in a wizard duel. Bedlo saw Craven's wife at the castle during the duel and both men decide to confront Scarabus. Unfortunately the men are then attacked by Craven's coach man (who has been enchanted by Scarabus). Fortunately they manage to bring the man back to his senses and they're joined by Craven's daughter Estelle (Olive Sturgess) and Bedlo's son Rexford (Jack Nicholson) on their journey.

Once they arrive at the castle Scarabus greets them, at first he acts friendly but it's just an act. Conflict arises between the men and Bedlo is seemingly killed, however that night Rexford finds his father hiding in the castle. Craven is visited by Lenore and finds out his wife faked her own death 2 years ago so she could be the mistress of Scarabus. Craven, Estelle,

Bedlo and Rexford try to escape but Scarabus captures them. Under threat of torture Bedlo begs Scarabus to turn him back into a raven. Scarabus complies and upon returning to his bird form Bedlo escapes the dungeon by flying away. Craven must choose between revealing his secrets to Scarabus or watching his daughter be tortured. Bedlo returns, frees his son and together they help Craven.

Craven and Scarabus engage in a wizard's duel. Many attacks and insults are exchanged before Scarabus sets the castle on fire. In the end Craven defeats Scarabus. Lenore insists she had been enchanted by Scarabus but Craven doesn't believe her. Craven, Bedlo, Rexford and Estelle escape, the castle collapses on Scarabus and Lenore.

As the film draws to a close Bedlo tries to convince Craven to change him back into a human. Craven tells him to shut his beak, and recites the last line of Poe's poem "Quoth the raven, nevermore".

Vincent Price is the only actor I've ever seen who somehow manages to come off as both elegant and goofy at the same time. Peter Lorre did an excellent job as cowardly Bedlo and it's always a bit of fun seeing Jack Nicholson in one of his early roles. This movie is your standard cheesy Roger Corman fantasy fare, the budget is low and there's a good chance a lot of the sets and costumes were recycled from some of Corman's other movies. Still, there is a gloriously campy bit of entertainment to be had throughout this entire film. The special effects were alright for the time period and budget. If you're a big fan of Vincent Price movies you've either already seen this one or you need to see it, chances are you're going to love it.

"The Color Out Of Space" Short Story Review

This is one of the creepier tales from H. P. Lovecraft. The story isn't disturbing because of the activity of spooky cults or celestial gods and there's no giant Cthulhu popping out of the ocean. This tale explores cosmic horror in a way that's a lot closer to home.

The narrator is an unnamed surveyor who is trying to describe his efforts to figure out the mystery of a frightening place in the hills west of Arkham called "the blasted heath". The townsfolk refuse to talk about it and the protagonist seeks out an old hermit named Ammi Pierce, hoping he will spill the beans. The old man tells the narrator about his experiences with a farmer named Nahum Gardner and his family who once lived on the property and why the locals fear the place.

Pierce relates how 50 years ago in June 1882 a strange meteorite crashed onto Nahum's land. Local scientists took a sample from the meteorite and found it to have the most peculiar reactions to their tests. The sample disappeared after being stored in a glass beaker. When the scientists tried to take a second sample they found a globule within the meteorite that emitted an odd, unknown color. One of the scientists hit the globule with a hammer which caused it to disintegrate. That night the meteorite disappeared after being struck by lightning bolts.

During the next harvest Nahum's crops grew extremely large and abundant. Unfortunately the crops were inedible, apparently the meteorite had poisoned the soil. Over the next year other plants and animals in the area were affected, causing a variety of strange mutations. The plant life on the farm became brittle and gray.

Mrs. Gardner went completely insane and Nahum decided to keep her locked up in the attic. The Gardner family became more and more isolated from the neighbors and Pierce became their only contact with the outside world. Pierce told Nahum that the well water had gone bad and suggested they dig a new well. Nahum refused, much to Pierce's confusion. One of Nahum's sons, a boy named Thaddeus, also went insane. Nahum locked him in a different part of the attic. The livestock mutated horribly and died off. Thaddeus died in the attic and another son named Merwin vanished.

Weeks passed with no word from the Gardner family. Out of concern Pierce went to visit Nahum. Upon arrival Pierce quickly realized that Nahum had lost his mind. When Pierce asked Nahum about his only surviving son Nahum told Pierce that the boy lived in the well. Pierce went to investigate the attic and found a horribly mutated Mrs. Gardner. He killed her to put her out of her misery. Nahum had changed into a terrifying monstrous form by this point. Nahum temporarily regained his sanity and told Pierce that the color from the meteorite was responsible for everything, that somehow it had been absorbing the life force from the surrounding area. Soon after Nahum died.

Pierce left to find help and returned to the farm with 6 men. They discovered the rotting skeletons of 2 of Narhum's sons at the bottom of the well along with the bones of several other creatures. The alien color began to pour out from the well, the trees shuddered and the organic material on the farm began to glow with the color. The men ran from the house as the color flew into the sky and disappeared. Pierce saw some small part of the color try to return to the well, only to fail. The next day some of the group returned to the farm. All they could find were many acres of gray dust and Pierce's dead horse. Understandably upon hearing stories of what had happened a lot of locals moved away.

It's a strange idea that an alien force could simply be a color, but given that there's so much we still don't understand about the cosmos perhaps it's possible. After reading this story I spent a great deal of time trying to imagine what this color would look like. It's inconceivable to think of a color that doesn't exist in this world and that in and of itself is kind of frightening. The whole idea of cosmic horror is that it makes us realize just how little we know about the universe we live in and how truly insignificant we are as a species.

Agrimony Jinx Breaker

This yellow flower can assist in spells for spiritual and psychic protection, stopping gossip and jinx-breaking. Agrimony can also be used to reverse destruction spells and in return to sender work.

If you suspect you have been jinxed draw a hot bath and mix ½ cup epsom salts and a handful of Agrimony into the water. Stir the water with your hands for a couple minutes. Get into the tub and relax, imagine the negative energy coming off of you like so much black goo into the water. Repeat this bathing ritual every day for 7 days. Agrimony is associated with the astrological sign of cancer, the element of air and the planet Jupiter.

Vervain For Preventing Hexes

Vervain (holy herb) is a beautiful flower with the magical ability to provide protection against evil spells & negative energy. Burning Vervain purifies and consecrates a space. The smoke of Vervain can be used to cleanse and purify ritual candles, ceremonial tools, crystals and altars. If you're in need of protection against hexes or other forms of spiritual attack carry a small silk or flannel bag filled with Vervain on your person.

To enhance psychic abilities rub some oil or ointment infused with Vervain on your forehead before engaging in meditation. Adding Vervain to a dream pillow along with other clairvoyant herbs such as Mugwort, Wormwood and Star Anise enhances your ability to engage in prophetic dreaming. Vervain is associated with the astrological sign of gemini, the element of water in the planet Venus.

Calendula For Joyful Love

Calendula is a happy yellow flower that helps manifest positive outcomes. This flower brings the energy of joy as well as the cheery warm energy of the Sun wherever it is present. Calendula can be used to banish evil, cleanse energy and draw love.

To attract love add a handful of fresh Calendula Flowers or 10-15 drops of Calendula essential oil to a bath. Before getting in the tub light a few small tea candles and burn some Rose or Cinnamon incense. As you soak in the water imagine you're radiating a lovely pink energy. Be sure to allow yourself to air dry afterwards, don't use a towel, you can use a blow-dryer to speed up the process. Calendula is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of fire and the Sun.

"Return To Sender" Oil Recipe

"Return To Sender" oil is designed to send a hex back to the person who sent it. This oil is also designed to help provide the user with spiritual protection and overcome the effects of the hex.

For this recipe you will need ⅓ cup grapeseed oil, 1 tsp Agrimony, 1 tsp Vervain, 3 drops Calendula essential oil, 3 drops Clove essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place each of the dried herbs into the bottle. Instruct the plants that their job is to send negativity back at anyone who sends it your way and to provide you with spiritual protection.

Heat the grapeseed oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid. Shake the bottle 7 times and leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil into the bottle, screw on the lid and give it 7 shakes. Say the following words over the bottle 7 times-

"Evil Energy, Begone, Evil Spirits, Go Back To The One Who Sent You, Begone!"

Every night for the next 10 nights repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. One of the best ways to use this oil is to anoint your hands, the bottom of your feet and the back of your neck with it every day after taking a shower for at least 7 days in a row. You can also use this oil to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, ceremonial tools, crystals and sigils.

Return Hex To Sender Spell

If you suspect that someone is hexing you this spell can provide protection and send the energy back to the person who sent it.

To cast this spell you will need 1 black figure candle that represents you, Dragon's Blood Resin, Clove essential oil, Cinnamon essential oil, Agrimony, a lock of your hair (or fingernail clippings if you have no hair) and a small mirror. Start by cleaning the mirror with white vinegar or windex to remove smudges. Burn the Dragon's Blood Resin on activated charcoal and allow the smoke to cover the mirror, the candle and yourself.

Carve your name into the candle and anoint it with Clove essential oil and Cinnamon essential oil. Place the mirror in the window of your bedroom so that the backside of the mirror is pointed towards the interior of the room.

Put a table in the middle of your bedroom and set the lock of your hair or fingernail trimmings in the center. Set the candle on top of your lock of hair/fingernail clippings. Sprinkle Agrimony around the base of the candle and put some in your pocket. Light the wick with a match. Say the following words 7 times-

"I Send This Negative Energy Back At You, I Send This Hex Back At You, Return To Sender!"

As you pronounce these words imagine you're creating a fearsome ball of energy from the candle flame and sending it through the mirror back at whoever hexed you. Let the candle burn all the way down and then bury the remains at a crossroads in the middle of the night. If you don't have easy access to a crossroads you can bury the spell remains in the woods or

desert. So long as nothing breaks the mirror the spell should redirect any negativity being sent by this particular individual back to its source.

Bat's Head Root For Wishes

Bat's Head Root (devil pod) is a magical seed pod that repels evil, turns away hexes, brings good luck and helps grant wishes. This seed pod received its name from the fact that it has a strong resemblance to the head of a bat. These pods work very well as a kind of all-purpose luck and positive effect charm. Keeping one of these pods in a small cloth or muslin bag above your doorstep is said to keep away enemies. Adding a Bat's Head Root to a magick bag increases the power of the other ingredients.

You can call on Hecate, the goddess of the crossroads to grant your wish by placing 3 of the seed pods at a crossroads at midnight on the night of the new moon. Another method for granting wishes with this seed pod involves placing a written version of your wish under a Bat's Head Root on your altar and giving it offerings of incense, candy, Coffee or candles.

"The Wendigo" Horror Novella Review

This horror story by the prolific English author Algernon Blackwood is very loosely based on his experiences as a hunter in the icy backwoods of Canada. Upon finding out he had written a story about the terrifying wendigo spirit I had to give it a read. This review is going to be full of spoilers so if you want to be surprised when reading the novella skip to the last paragraph.

In the cold wilderness of Northwestern Ontario a group of men are hunting moose. One of the men is a young student named Simpson, another is his uncle Dr. Cathcart and the others are Hank Davis and a Frenchman named Joseph Defago. Their aboriginal cook Punk tends the camp while the hunting expedition splits up into 2 separate groups. Dr. Cathcart goes with Hank and Defago heads off with Simpson in a canoe down the river.

Simpson and Defago make camp on the shore. Defago becomes visibly disturbed and insists he can smell a terrifying odor on the wind. Later that night Simpson wakes up to find Defago freaking out about something outside the tent. Defago runs off into the dark and Simpson heads off to find him. Simpson follows his footprints for many miles before coming to the realization that Defago's tracks are not the only ones showing up in the snow. The larger tracks are not human and over time it seems like Defago's tracks have transformed into smaller versions of the larger set. After a while both sets of tracks disappear. Simpson hears Defago's voice calling out from somewhere far off in the sky above about how his feet are burning.

Simpson eventually finds his way back to the main camp where he is reunited with the other hunters. Hank, Dr. Cathcart and Simpson go back to search for Defago. After traveling many miles they set up camp for the night. Suddenly Defago (or some frightening facsimile of Defago) appears before them, only to once again disappear into the night.

The men are extremely disturbed by what just happened and decide to return to base camp. The real Defago is there waiting for them, suffering from frostbite, exposure and absolute madness. He dies soon afterward and the hunters are left completely bewildered by the whole thing. The cook Punk ran home once he smelt the horrible odor coming from Defago. The cook was a local and he had immediately recognized that Defago had been cursed by a Wendigo.

"The Wendigo" story wasn't all that scary compared to a lot of the material that came later, but I can see how somebody at the turn of the 20th century might have found the story chilling. The novella made me think of the movie "The Blair Witch Project" from the 1990's with its plot of being isolated in the middle of the woods stalked by a strange unseen presence. In wendigo folklore the creature is described as a large, boney spirit that takes control of a person and causes them to turn into a cannibal. When I saw the title of the story I thought that's where the author was going with it. If you're in the mood for an older horror story, give this one a read.

Witch Grass

Witch Grass (couch grass) is a hardy plant that can be used for banishing, luck, dominating a lover, causing separation and binding the actions of another. This is a very versatile plant that can be helpful or harmful depending on your intention. If you wish to banish an evil spirit from a house burn Witch Grass and carry the smoking plant material throughout the entire home.

To attract or dominate a lover make a strong cup of Witch Grass Tea and pour it all over your body after taking a shower. Don't towel dry, allow yourself to air dry or use a blow dryer if needed. To help dispel sadness carry a small pouch containing Witch Grass and a piece of Amethyst on your person and anoint it with Orange essential oil or Calendula essential oil once a week. Witch Grass is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of earth and the planet Jupiter.

Elemi Resin For Shadow Work

This honey-like resin enhances psychic abilities and increases your capacity to learn about and practice the art of magick. To engage in shadow work that helps you learn about the hidden aspects of your psyche burn Elemi Resin and Myrrh Resin on activated charcoal during meditation.

Elemi Resin has a strong scent that comes off like a cross between Lemon and Dillweed. In ancient Egypt Elemi Resin was burned to assist in the process of mummification. Elemi Resin is associated with the planet Mercury.

Indigo "Bind My Enemy" Spell

For thousands of years Indigo plants have been bred to create blue dye. In spiritual work this flowering herb can be used for preventing another person from taking action (binding) or bringing finality to something in your life.

If somebody is saying terrible things about you and making your life miserable you can bind their actions with an Indigo binding spell. To cast this spell you will need some Indigo, 1 small purple candle, Clove essential oil and a picture of the target.

Carve the name of the target into the candle. Place their picture on your altar. Anoint the candle with Clove essential oil and put it on top of the picture. Sprinkle the Indigo around the 4 corners of the picture, you are creating a wall around the person who is causing you to suffer. Light the candle with a match, say the following words 7 times-

"(the person's name), You Cannot Harm Me, You Cannot Speak To Me, You Must Leave Me Alone."

Let the candle burn for an hour and then snuff it out. Every night repeat the above process, when the candle has burned all the way down wrap up the remains of the spell (including the plant material and the picture) and bury it in the woods or desert. Indigo is associated with the astrological sign of aquarius, the element of water and the planet Saturn.

"Harm None" Oil Recipe

If somebody in your life is harming themselves or others you might want to bind them so they will have no choice but to stop. This oil might be able to help.

For this recipe you will need ¼ cup olive oil, ½ tsp Indigo, ½ tsp Witch Grass, 7 drops Clove essential oil and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Start by cleansing the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Add each of the dried ingredients into the bottle, as you add the plants tell them it's their job to bind and restrict to prevent harmful actions from being carried out.

Heat the olive oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid, shake the bottle 7 times and leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil to the bottle, screw on the lid and shake it 7 times. Say the following words over the bottle 7 times" I Bind You, You Harm None, You Can Not Harm Yourself, You Can Not Harm Others."

Place the bottle in a place where nobody will find it. Every night for the next 10 nights repeat the above process, after the end of the 10th session your oil will be ready. You can use binding oil on ritual candles, ceremonial tools, magick bags, crystals, sigils and petitions.

Blood Root For A Peaceful Home

This magical root comes from a very pretty flower. Blood Root gets its name from the red sap stored within it. This root helps protect the harmony of the family. Its energy repels evil and can be used to break hexes and bring good luck to the household.

To ensure there is more peace, stability and respect shown in your home hang a muslin bag containing Blood Root and Rosemary somewhere in the home where everyone will have to pass under it on a daily basis. If you're having a difficult time getting along with the in-laws or find that your home is in a constant state of conflict burn some Blood Root on activated charcoal.

Blood Root comes in darker and lighter colors. The dark red roots are considered male and the orange or pink colored roots represent females. To strengthen your relationship with your marriage partner take a root that represents them and a root that represents you and put them together in a small red silk or flannel bag. Place it under your mattress. Blood Root is associated with the planet Jupiter.

Neroli For Getting Over A Breakup

Neroli is an essential oil made from the flowers of the bitter orange tree. This essential oil is very popular in perfume recipes for its strong, sweet smell. Neroli essential oil has a very peaceful, calming energy. If you're going through a difficult breakup Neroli oil can help to lift your spirits and give you the insight needed to look at the situation in a more positive light. Neroli oil can also be useful in money and success spells.

If you're going through a great deal of emotional turmoil after a breakup add some Neroli oil to your bath water. If you want something a little more powerful try burning a few drops of Neroli oil on activated charcoal with Frankincense Resin and Cedar Chips, let the smoke cover your body from head to foot.

To use Neroli oil to help attract prosperity rub a few drops on your hands before going to job interviews or business meetings. You can also use the oil to anoint your wallet or purse once a week. Neroli oil is associated with the astrological sign of leo, the element of air and the Sun.

"Get Over A Break-Up" Oil Recipe

This magical oil recipe is for people who are having trouble getting over a breakup. The oil helps heal your heart and bring more positivity into your life.

For this recipe you will need ¼ cup olive oil, 4 drops Neroli essential oil, 3 drops Cedar essential oil, 4 drops Helichrysum essential oil and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Add the essential oils and the jojoba oil or vitamin E oil in the bottle, fill it with the olive oil, screw on the lid and shake it 7 times. Say the following words over the bottle 7 times-

"Heal This Wounded Heart, Bring Light And Joy Into My Life, Begin A New Chapter."

Put the bottle in a cool, dark place. Every morning for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

You can use this oil to anoint magick bags, ritual candles, ceremonial tools, crystals and sigils. You can also anoint yourself with the oil after getting out of the shower or bath. If you don't have sensitive skin you can use the oil as a moisturizer, this delivery method not only helps to heal your heart but will also enhance your beauty routine.

Galangal Root For A Clear Mind

Galangal Root is a member of the Ginger family and a popular seasoning. The fiery disposition of this magical root gives it the ability to burn away all the nonsense that can fill the mind, thus allowing a magician to better focus on their work. Burning Galangal Root drives away evil spirits and removes negative energy from a space. If you suspect that somebody you care about has been cursed or hexed burn some Galangal Root on activated charcoal and have the individual bathe in the smoke.

This root is helpful in spells designed to bring good luck in court cases, it can also be sprinkled around the bedroom to attract a passionate encounter with your lover. If your home is in need of protection place a few pieces of ground Galangal Root under the doormat.

If you wish to use Galangal Root to help get a better outcome in a court case anoint a small blue or brown candle with olive oil. Place the candle on top of paperwork associated with the court case. Burn Galangal Root on activated charcoal and light the candle with a match. Say "I Am Lucky In The Court Room" 11 times in a row. Let the candle burn all the way down and wrap up the remains of the spell, bury them on your property. Galangal Root is associated with the astrological sign of aries, the element of fire and the planet Mars.

Oregano For Law Stay Away Spells

Oregano is a delicious cooking spice and a powerful magical plant that is very good at getting bothersome, meddling busybodies to leave you alone.

This is an excellent herb to use if you have a court case coming up. The night before you're scheduled to go into court burn some Oregano and Cascara Sagrada together on activated charcoal, allow the smoke to cover your body as you say prayers regarding how you want the verdict to go the next day. If you have any paperwork associated with the case on hand, allow the smoke to cover them as well.

If you're wrongfully being abused or harassed by law officials you can create a magick bag to help get them to leave you alone. To create a law stay away bag place some Oregano, 1 small piece of Black Tourmaline and some Tansy in a black silk or flannel bag. Breathe into the bag 3 times to give it life and tie it shut. Hold it in your hand and tell it that its job is to keep law officials from bothering you. Anoint the bag with a few drops of Ginger essential oil once a week. Don't let anybody else touch the bag or it will stop working. Oregano is associated with the astrological sign of libra, the element of air and the planet Venus.

Court Case Soap Recipe

If you're going to court or are constantly being wrongfully harassed by law enforcement agencies this soap recipe might be for you.

To create court case/law stay away soap bars you will need 1 High John The Conqueror Root, ½ tsp Oregano essential oil, 1 tsp Galangal essential oil and 1 pound of "melt and pour soap base".

Start by breaking up the High John The Conqueror Root into several pieces. You might need to put the root between a sheet of folded wax paper and hit it with a hammer repeatedly to do so. If you're very strong you can try using a mortar and pestle. The root doesn't need to be powdered, just break it up into several chunks. When you're finished place these pieces into a small bowl and get to work on your soap.

I recommend burning some incense and lighting a few candles right before creating this magical soap. It will help put you in the right frame of mind and intensify spiritual energy in the area. Place the soap base in a ceramic bowl or glass measuring cup. Heat up the soap base in the microwave until it is melted. Remove the soap base and stir in the essential oils and chunks of High John The Conqueror Root.

If the soap hardens before you're done mixing in the ingredients you can put it back in the microwave. Pour the soap mixture into the molds of a muffin tin, say the following words over the soap 7 times-

"I Am Triumphant Over The Law, I Am Triumphant Over The Courts."

Place the muffin tin in a cool area until it hardens. Use the soap when taking a bath or shower. If you're going to trial make sure to use the soap right before going in. It may also be a good idea to use this as hand soap whenever you wash your hands at home.

"The Love Witch" Movie Review

"The Love Witch" is a send-off of campy 1960's pulp paperbacks and femme fatale movies. The story is a witchy, oddly feminist combination of comedy and horror that explores the relationships between men and women. The film was written, directed and designed by a talented woman named Anna Biller. I'm about to go through the entire plot including all the spoilers so if you want to be surprised by the film skip to the last paragraph.

Elaine is a lovely young witch who has just arrived in the witch-friendly town of Arcata, California to begin life anew after the death (spousal murder?) of her husband Jerry. She rents an apartment which is owned by her mentor Barbara and decorated in a witchy style by a woman named Trish. Trish takes Elaine to a pastel teahouse in an effort to become friends. While there Elaine meets Richard, Trish's husband. As soon as Elaine and Richard gaze into each other's eyes it's pretty clear the man finds her attractive.

Elaine casts a spell to try and find a new lover. She meets Wayne, a literature professor from the local college. Instead of taking the time to get to know Wayne and going on a date she outright proposes to him that they go out to his cabin with the implication being that they're going to have sex.

When they arrive Elaine gives a flask to Wayne, he eagerly drinks its contents down. He starts hallucinating and Elaine reveals that she drugged him. They engage in psychedelic sex and after finishing Wayne becomes clingy and emotional. Elaine finds this to be really obnoxious. Wayne dies

the next day and Elaine buries him along with a witch bottle that contains her urine and a used tampon.

Elaine concludes that if she seduces Richard he will not obsess over her because he is married (Elaine is not the sharpest pencil in the box). She invites him to her apartment and they have sex. Shock of shock, Richard becomes obsessed with her. Elaine gets irritated and abandons the affair. Apparently nobody ever explained to this so-called love witch that the whole point of love magick is to make the target obsessed with you but it is what it is.

One of Wayne's colleagues reports his disappearance to law enforcement. Police officer Griff goes out to Wayne's cabin to investigate and finds his body buried with Elaine's witch bottle. Griff traces the bottle back to Elaine. He falls in love with her and refuses to believe she's a killer, much to the annoyance of his partner Steve. Elaine falls madly in love with Griff, even going so far as to hold an imaginary wedding with him at a renaissance fair.

Griff's boss tells him to stop investigating Elaine as a suspect. It turns out there's a tenuous relationship between the law and the local witch community and Griff's boss doesn't want to deal with it. It's then revealed that Wayne died of a heart attack. The devil weed found in his system grew around his cabin. It also turns out Jerry died from a drug overdose shortly before remarrying, even though he wasn't a known drug user.

Richard, heartbroken by the loss of Elaine, kills himself in the bathtub. His body is discovered by his wife Trish. She's horribly depressed and decides to invite Elaine to tea. Trish tries on a ring that Griff gave Elaine during their make-believe wedding, only to later realize that she forgot to give it back. When Trish goes to leave the ring inside Elaine's apartment she discovers a shrine to Elaine's dead lovers. She is horrified when she

realizes Richard is among them. She gets in a fight with Elaine and leaves the apartment with the ring, just the evidence she needs to connect Elaine to Richard.

Elaine goes to the local cabaret to meet with Griff. He confronts her about the deaths of Wayne and Richard, pointing out that she has been tied to both men by DNA evidence and the ring. Griff is willing to overlook his own feelings if it means Elaine will face justice. When the anti-witch patrons in the cabaret overhear their conversation they go absolutely insane and attempt to assault Elaine. Griff kicks some ass and helps Elaine escape to her apartment. Griff has been badly injured in the fight and Elaine tends to his wounds. She mixes together another one of her hallucinatory love potions for Griff but he knocks it on the floor, glaring at her the entire time. Elaine gasps and is horrified by his rejection. She grabs her ritual knife and stabs him in the heart. Now that Griff is dead Elaine enters a state of complete and utter madness and the movie ends with her imagining that Griff had actually married her at the Renaissance fair.

This movie looks really damn good. Anna Biller has an amazing sense of style. The story is cheesy and ridiculous but purposely so. The moral seems to be not to have overwhelming and unrealistic expectations in the realm of love. It's obvious the creator of this film took the time to study witchcraft and I was very impressed with the authenticity of some of the practices on display. There is some nudity and a couple of scenes that imply assault so this is not an appropriate film for children, however it might be all right for teenagers with adult supervision. I would highly recommend watching this movie, visually it's a treat and the campy story is a lot of fun.

Black Cat Oil Recipe

Black cat oil helps keeps away harmful people, removes hexes and attracts blessings and good fortune.

To create this recipe you will need ¼ cup olive oil, 1 hair from a black cat (brushing a black cat is usually the nicest way to acquire this item), 5 drops Myrrh essential oil, 5 drops Frankincense essential oil, 1 crushed Bay Leaf, ⅓ tsp Magnetic Sand, ½ tsp Catnip and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place the Magnetic Sand and dried herbal ingredients into the bottle. Tell the items that their job is to attract good luck and remove negativity from your life. Heat the olive oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle, screw on the lid and shake it 7 times. Leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oils and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil to the bottle, shake it 7 times and say the following words over the bottle 7 times-

"Please Dear Black Cat, I Request Your Friendship, I Request Good Luck, I Request Protection From Evil."

Place the bottle in a cool, dark place where nobody will find it. Every night for the next 10 nights repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready. You can use black cat oil to anoint magick bags, sigils, crystals, ceremonial tools and ritual candles. If you wish you can wear a small amount of the oil behind your ears.

If you find that you're suddenly experiencing a great deal of good luck be sure to thank the black cat consciousness attached to the oil by leaving offerings of Catnip, kitty treats or a new kitty toy on your altar. Be sure to announce aloud that these are gifts for the black cat spirit.

Lucky Black Cat Spell

This is a spell designed to bring the energy of the lucky black cat into your life to reverse bad luck, attract good luck and provide protection from negative influences.

To cast this spell you will need 1 black cat-shaped candle, fresh Catnip, a few sticks of pleasant smelling incense, a 4×4 inch piece of paper and a bottle of black cat oil.

Start by writing down your name on the piece of paper 3 times. Turn it clockwise once and write the words "I AM LUCKY" in large, bold letters 3 times. Turn the petition clockwise one more time and sign your name 3 times as if you were endorsing a check. Put the piece of paper on your altar. Place a small piece of your hair, skin flakes, spit or fingernails at the center of the paper.

Carve your name into the black cat candle. Anoint the candle with black cat oil and put it on top of the center of the paper. Sprinkle the Catnip around the base of the candle. Light the candle with a match, use the flame to light the end of a stick of pleasant smelling incense, set it aside and let it burn. Say the following words 7 times-

"Lucky Black Cat, Honor Me With Your Presence, Lucky Black Cat, Please May I Be Blessed By You."

Allow the candle to burn for a couple hours before snuffing it out. Repeat the above process every night until the candle has burned all the way down.

When the spell is finished bury the wax remains under a potted plant by the door that your cat uses when they enter or leave the house (or the door where they come to greet you when you come home). Burn the piece

of paper, you can also leave the remains of the spell at a crossroads. If you have a sudden influx of good luck over the next few months leave offerings for the lucky black cat spirit on your altar to say "thank you". This offering can be a new cat toy, a bowl of Catnip or a bunch of kitty treats.

Alfalfa To Avoid Poverty

Alfalfa is an herb used to help prevent extreme poverty and hunger in your home. To use Alfalfa burn it along with prosperity herbs such as Basil and Bay Leaves. Sprinkle the ashes in a perimeter around your home. As you go along, say aloud the words "Money, Stay With Me" over and over.

You can also keep a small jar filled with Alfalfa and other prosperity herbs in your food cupboard. Burn a small candle anointed with vegetable oil on the jar every couple weeks to give it more energy and power (if you have Ginger, Cinnamon, Orange or Clove essential oil anoint the candle with that instead). Alfalfa is associated with the element of earth and the planet Venus.

Alkanet To Protect Prosperity

Alkanet Root is primarily used as a red dye coloring agent in salves, wood stains and cosmetics. The root has the ability to help attract wealth, remove obstacles and protect your finances. Alkanet Root makes a fine addition to any prosperity or good luck spell. Powdered Alkanet Root can be used as an ingredient in spiritual oils to give them a natural red color and extra power boost.

If you suspect someone is trying to hex your finances, burn a mixture of Alkanet Root, Cinnamon Chips and Clove Buds on activated charcoal. Allow the smoke to cover your body completely, including the bottoms of your feet and the palms of your hands. To increase your personal wealth burn equal parts Alkanet Root & Frankincense Resin, let the smoke fill your home or place of business.

Alkanet Root can be made into an ink that is used on petition papers & candles for financial protection or prosperity spells. To make Alkanet Root ink mix 1 tsp powdered Alkanet Root with ½ tsp grapeseed oil. Use a small paint brush to write sigils, runes or words on your petitions or ritual candles. Alkanet Root is associated with the astrological sign of capricorn, the element of earth and the planet Jupiter.

Boldo Leaf For Repelling Bad Customers

Boldo Leaves are a very protective and purifying herb. These plants can be used to help keep away evil people and troublesome customers. If you want to repel the kind of clientele who complain needlessly, damage your property or who make things miserable for your employees, sprinkle powdered Boldo Leaves around the premises. You can also boil up some Boldo Leaves in hot water and sprinkle the tea around the location if you don't want to bother with sprinkling powdered herbs.

If you feel like a space is in need of spiritual purification burn some dried Boldo Leaves. To get a greater energetic cleansing effect burn a mixture of Boldo Leaves, Bay Leaves and Rosemary.

Boldo Leaves can be used for home protection, simply sprinkle powdered Boldo Leaves or tea around the house the same as you would with a business. If you want to increase the protective power of Boldo Leaves, mix it with some Cinnamon Chips and Rosemary. Boldo is associated with the element of fire and the planet Saturn.

"Money Stay With Me" Oil Recipe

Holding onto more of your own money is comparable to gaining more money. This spiritual oil recipe is designed to help ensure you're more likely to get rebates, refunds, discounts and less likely to be robbed or swindled.

To make this recipe you will need ⅓ cup grapeseed oil, 3 Cinnamon Chips, ½ tsp Alfalfa, ½ tsp powdered Alkanet Root, 4 drops Vetiver essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier jar with incense smoke.

Place the Alfalfa, Cinnamon Chips and Alkanet Root into the bottle. Let them know that their job is to help you protect & hold onto more of your own money. Heat the grapeseed oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid. Shake the bottle 7 times and leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oils and the jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, screw on the lid and shake the bottle 7 times. Say the following words over the bottle 7 times-

"I Receive Every Possible Discount, I Receive Every Possible Rebate."

Hide the bottle in a cool, dark place. Every night for the next 10 nights repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

The best way to use this oil is to anoint your wallet or your purse once a week. You can also use the oil to anoint ritual candles, ceremonial tools, crystals, sigils and magick bags.

Lucky Green Rice Recipe

Lucky Green Rice is designed to bring greater wealth and abundance into your business or home.

To create this recipe you will need 1 cup regular dried rice, 2 drops green food dye, 4 Cinnamon Chips, 1 crushed Bay Leaf, 1 tsp crushed Basil, 1 tsp Chamomile, 3 drops Myrrh essential oil, 3 drops Frankincense essential oil and 1 freshly fed Lodestone or piece of Clear Quartz Crystal.

Mix all the ingredients together in a glass or ceramic bowl with a wooden spoon. When you're done bury the Lodestone or piece of Clear Quartz Crystal under the rice. Place the bowl on your altar and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Bring Money From A Positive Place, Bring Savings From A Positive Place, Bring Prosperity And Abundance."

There are a few different ways to use Lucky Green Rice. A few grains can be added to your wallet or purse. If you're trying to get a loan, sending out resumes or applying for benefits make paper copies of the applications involved and put a small bag containing Lucky Green Rice on top of them. Leave these items on your altar until you have accomplished your goal.

If you make a living as a delivery person and rely on tips throw some Lucky Green Rice at your vehicle or motorbike. To bring prosperity into your home, close your front door and throw some Lucky Green Rice at it. Let it sit there for an hour and then use a broom to sweep it into your front yard or the front parking lot. You can sprinkle a small amount in your mailbox, place some under your door or floor mats or place a small amount in the potted plants around your home or office. If some friends or

family members are getting married you can throw Lucky Green Rice at them as they leave the wedding banquet.

"Warlock" Horror Movie Review

I first saw this horror movie when I was a small child. It absolutely scared the hell out of me to the point where I begged my parents to have me baptized so I couldn't be killed to make flying ointment. I thought it might be interesting to watch the film again as a middle-aged adult. This is a spoiler heavy review so if you want to be surprised by the movie jump to the last paragraph.

The year and setting is Boston in 1691, A Warlock (Julian Sands) is captured by witch-hunter Giles Redferne (Richard E. Grant). The Warlock is sentenced to death for causing the death of Redferne's wife and engaging in various other demonic activities. Satan interferes and sends the Warlock through time to 1980's Los Angeles. Redferne enters the portal to pursue him. The Warlock crashes into the home of a waitress named Kassandra (Lori Singer) and her roommate Chas.

Kassandra and Chas let the Warlock stay with them. The Warlock murders Chas by tearing out his tongue while Kassandra is out. The Warlock manipulates a fake psychic and tricks her into getting possessed by Satan. He receives instructions to reassemble the grand grimoire, a book of power that was separated into 3 pieces. This book can tear apart the fabric of reality. The Warlock rips out the psychic's eyes and uses them as a compass. He finds the first piece of the book inside an old table in Kassandra's home. Because the Warlock is a jerk he casts a curse on Kassandra that will make her age 20 years every day. To seal the spell he steals her bracelet. Redferne suddenly shows up, it turns out he's been using a witch compass to hunt the Warlock.

Redferne explains the rules of witches and warlocks (in the movie universe at least), including their weakness to purified salt. Kassandra goes with him in hopes that she'll be able to get back her bracelet (this will lift the aging curse and cause her to become young again). The Warlock finds a young boy hanging out on the swings, he talks to the child for a while and realizes the boy is unbaptized. Off-screen he murders the kid in order to use his fat to create a flying ointment.

Redferne and Kassandra find the Warlock at the home of a Mennonite family. The Warlock has found the next piece of the book on their property. Redferne and the Warlock fight. Things reach the point where the Warlock feels overwhelmed and he tries to fly away but is stopped by an iron weathervane. Redferne, Kassandra and the Mennonites try to bind him with manacles to stop him from using his powers. Enraged, the Warlock curses the Mennonite farmer with the evil eye and escapes on foot.

Redferne hands Kassandra a blessed hammer that can be used to drive nails into the Warlock's footprints. As Kassandra hammers the nails into the Warlock's footprints the film cuts to the Warlock, who is writhing in agonizing pain. He escapes by hopping on a train but Kassandra manages to get her bracelet back, returning her from a woman in her 60's to a woman in her 20's. The farmer is badly injured but Redferne leaves him bronze keys to work as a magical cure (I love that the witch hunter is basically a white witch). Redferne explains to Kassandra that the Warlock intends to destroy creation and she decides to continue on with him on his quest. I don't understand why the Warlock wants to destroy creation, seems like a self-defeating goal but oh well.

They pursue the Warlock to Boston where the last part of the book is said to be buried on sacred ground. They arrive at the church with the final piece and warn the priest about the Warlock. The priest directs them to a

graveyard. Kassandra realizes that because of construction in the area many coffins have been moved to a part of the graveyard that isn't holy ground. They find Redferne's coffin and break it open to get the book. Naturally this is when the Warlock arrives. Redferne takes the book to holy ground but the Warlock threatens to kill Kassandra if Redferne does not bring him the book. Redferne insists that he and the Warlock battle without use of magick or weaponry. Perhaps due to arrogance the Warlock agrees. Kassandra is flung into a lake and the men fight. The Warlock is about to win but Redferne throws soil from the holy ground into his face. Since Redferne cheated all bets are off, the Warlock uses his powers to subdue Redferne and take the final part of the book.

Kassandra stabs the Warlock in the neck with a syringe filled with salt water from the lake before he can use the book (how lucky that she was diabetic and had to have syringes on hand at all times), the Warlock bursts into flames. Kassandra and Redferne say goodbye to each other and Redferne returns to his own time. Kassandra buries the ancient book in the middle of the Bonneville Salt Flats.

After watching Warlock again as an adult I have a new appreciation for the film. This movie is pure 1980's horror nostalgia. The special effects are somewhat dated but not in an obnoxious way. Julian Sands is such a charismatic actor, even though the Warlock is an absolute monster it's hard not to enjoy him as a character since he takes such joy in being evil. The scenes of violence and gore in this film would be too intense for a kid (speaking from experience here) but the film might be appropriate for an older teenager. If you want to experience a fun, terrifying 1980's movie with a great lead antagonist give "Warlock" a shot.

Psychic Gemstones & Crystal

Certain gemstones & crystals can help to enhance psychic abilities, they can be carried on your person, added to rituals & magical recipes or placed by the bed or on top of your altar.

Apatite- This blue/green gemstone helps develop psychic abilities and assists in spirit work. Apatite is a stone of manifestation and spiritual balance, it also stimulates creative thinking. Apatite is associated with the astrological sign of gemini and the element of air.

Kyanite- This light blue/gray gemstone is excellent for assisting in meditation. Kyanite does not absorb negative energy so there's no need to cleanse it. Kyanite stones are very calming and enhance psychic abilities. The stone improves dream recall and communication with spirit guides. Kyanite is associated with the astrological sign of libra and the element of air.

Sugilite- This is a rare purple/magenta crystal with a very loving, nurturing energy. It attracts the spiritual love of the universe while protecting you from absorbing damaging influences. Sugilite calms the mind. Sugilite is associated with the astrological sign of virgo and the element of fire.

Althaea Spiritual Uses

Althaea (marsh mallow plant) is a protective, healing herb that can be used to enhance psychic abilities and call forth helpful spirits. If you wish to increase your psychic powers carry a silk or flannel bag filled with Althaea. Put some Althaea plant in a bowl on your altar along with offerings of Coffee to attract friendly spirits.

If you wish to create Althaea incense to summon helpful spirits combine equal parts White Copal Resin and Althaea, burn the mixture on activated charcoal. Althaea is associated with the element of water and the planet Venus.

Opoponax For Summoning Ancestral Spirits

The resin and bark of Opoponax (sweet myrrh) can be burned in rituals that are designed to gain insight or summon ancestral spirits. This incense has a relaxing, earthy smell. Using Opoponax can assist in meditative practices. The smoke of Opoponax prevents energetic parasites from being able to enter the home or latch onto your auric field.

This is a wonderful incense to use in purification work. If the energy in your home is in need of cleansing burn some Opoponax Resin and Rosemary on activated charcoal. It's a good idea to use Opoponax for ritual smoke baths to purify and cleanse the aura. Opoponax is associated with the astrological sign of scorpio, the element of water and the planet Saturn.

Dandelion Wine Recipe

Dandelions are lovely yellow flowers with the ability to help develop psychic abilities and attract spirits. Drink a cup of Dandelion Root Tea every other day to enhance psychic abilities. Place a hot, steaming cup of Dandelion Tea by the bed or burn Dandelion Root on activated charcoal to attract spirits.

Dandelions can be made into a lovely spring wine that can be enjoyed by guests or given as offerings on your altar. For this recipe you will need ¼ cup warm water, 1 package dried yeast, 1 gallon of fresh water, 2 quarts Dandelion Blossoms, 13 Cloves Buds, 1 cup freshly squeezed Orange Juice, 1 tsp ground Ginger, 5 cups sugar and 2 chopped Orange Peels.

It's best to collect the Dandelion Flowers for this recipe shortly after they first open, gather them from wild, open fields where they're unlikely to have been exposed to pesticides. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water and set it aside. Clean the Dandelion Blossoms with running water and place them in a cooking pot with the gallon of water and Orange Juice. Turn up to medium heat, once the liquid starts to simmer add the Ginger, Cloves, sugar and Orange Peels. Mix the ingredients together with a wooden spoon and let the mixture simmer for 45 minutes.

Turn off the heat and use a Coffee filter to strain out the plant material. Let it cool down for 5 minutes and mix in the yeast while the liquid is still warm. Let the mixture stand overnight and then pour it into glass bottles. Allow the bottles to sit in a dark place without the caps on for the next 3 weeks. When 3 weeks have passed screw on the caps and store them in the refrigerator or other cool place. Dandelion is associated with the astrological sign of sagittarius, the element of air and the planet Jupiter.

"Summon Helpful Spirits" Incense Recipe

This incense recipe is designed to summon friendly, helpful spirits.

To create this incense you will need ½ tbsp Opoponax Resin, ½ tbsp

Frankincense Resin, 2 drops Rosemary essential oil and ½ tbsp Althaea. Mix and crush up the ingredients with a mortar and pestle. Place the mixture in a small glass or ceramic bowl on your altar and say the following words over it 7 times-

"Joyful Spirits, Come To Me, Ancestral Spirits, Come To Me, Helpful Spirits, Come To Me!"

To use this incense burn ½ tsp-1 tsp on activated charcoal. Have offerings ready such as cups of water or Coffee, fresh flowers, candy or homemade bread. Don't eat or drink the offerings unless the spirit insists that you do so, otherwise leave these items at a crossroads or any other area specified by the spirit when they are done enjoying the gift.

"The Craft" Movie Review

"We ARE the weirdos, mister." "The Craft" is a 1990's teen witch exploitation film that has gone on to become a cult classic. I wasn't a fan of the movie when it came out but I've changed my opinion of the film somewhat over the past 20 years. This review is going to be full of spoilers so if you'd rather be surprised skip to the last paragraph.

Sarah (Robin Tunney) is a troubled young woman with strange abilities who's now the new girl in school. She becomes friends with a group of girls who are outcasts for various reasons. Nancy (Fairuza Balk) is treated badly because she's considered white trash by her classmates while Bonnie (Neve Campbell) has terrible scars from an auto accident and Rochelle (Rachel True) is bullied for being African American. The girls worship a God called "Manon" (a fictional God created to explain the source of the witch powers in the movie).

Sarah develops a crush on Chris (Skeet Ulrich), an attractive, popular student. While in class Sarah levitates a pencil and Bonnie convinces the other outcast girls that she should become a member of their coven. Later on Sarah is harassed by a creep with a snake and he gets hit by a car. The girls believe their witchcraft caused the event. Sarah joins the coven and they bond as a group. The girls take a bus out to the countryside to enjoy a picnic and practice a little witchy fun.

Sarah goes on a date with Chris, only to find out later that he lied to the rest of the school by telling everyone he had sex with her. She confronts him but Chris disrespects her in front of his friends. Sarah decides the most logical thing to do is cast a love spell on him (I don't get it either). Bonnie casts a glamour spell to become beautiful, Rochelle casts a curse on racist

bully Laura and Nancy casts a spell for power. The spells work, Chris becomes obsessed with Sarah, Laura the bully starts losing her hair, the scars that afflicted Bonnie heal and Nancy causes her abusive stepfather to have a heart attack and die.

Nancy becomes mad with power and encourages the coven to join her in the rite called "Invocation Of The Spirit". The idea behind this spell is that it allows the user to call on any spirit they wish. The owner of a local occult shop named Lirio warns them that casting the spell is a bad idea but since they're teenagers they don't listen. Upon finishing the rite Nancy is struck by lightning. The next morning the girls see Nancy walking on water. The corpses of dead animals litter the shoreline. In the following days Nancy becomes downright inhuman and engages in risky behavior that almost gets her and her friends badly hurt.

Most of the spells from earlier eventually lead to terrible consequences, Chris tries to sexually assault Sarah after he becomes frustrated that she keeps turning him down and Bonnie becomes a raging narcissist. Nancy uses a glamour spell to look like Sarah in order to fool Chris into having sex with her. She is cock-blocked by Sarah who insists Nancy leave with her. When Chris realizes what's happening he accuses Nancy of being jealous. Nancy becomes enraged and kills Chris by throwing him out a window.

Sarah tries to cast a binding spell on Nancy to prevent her from doing any more harm. The spell doesn't work and the coven turns on Sarah. They cast sneaky dream infiltration spells and mess with her head. Sarah goes to talk to Lirio but since she's an idiot she leaves before he can help her. The coven try to get Sarah to commit suicide, Nancy cuts Sarah's wrists herself. Sarah successfully invokes a powerful spirit, heals herself and fights back. She manages to frighten Bonnie and Rochelle by showing them images in a mirror of Rochelle losing her hair and Bonnie with her face scarred. Sarah

uses her power to defeat Nancy and binds her so she'll never be able to hurt anyone ever again.

Rochelle and Bonnie have lost their powers because Manon decided they had abused their abilities. They visit Sarah and try to be her friends but Sarah basically tells them to go to hell. When they bitch about how Sarah must have lost her powers too Sarah makes a tree branch nearly fall on them. In the last scene it is revealed that Nancy has been committed to a mental asylum. She has lost her powers and in the final moments of the movie she is strapped to a bed, yelling about how she can fly.

Fairuza Balk (Nancy) is incredible in this film. Even though this character is meant to be the villain it was hard not to sympathize with her. Nancy has to put up with abuse from her dad and being treated like crap because of her economic status at school. When she finally stands up for herself the powers of the universe say "nope" and side with boring Sarah. When I saw the movie as a teenager I didn't really like it because the witches seemed like a bunch of snotty jerks. As a middle-aged adult I can at least appreciate where Nancy is coming from. The special effects are great for a 1990's movie and the soundtrack is a perfect time capsule from that period. This film has a lot of violence and some sexual content so don't show it to children. If you're feeling nostalgic for the 1990's or want to watch a goth girl power fantasy check out "The Craft".

Natural Tobacco For Attracting Faeries

Natural Tobacco is useful in works of spiritual purification. To use Tobacco for spiritual cleansing light the tip of a cigar and carry it around your home or work space. Allow the smoke to fill the area.

If you're interested in attracting faeries or performing faery magick Tobacco can help. Carry a small pouch of Tobacco tied to your belt loop when out on nature walks and the fae folk will be drawn to you. Tobacco is associated with the element of fire.

Cumin For Home Blessings

Cumin is a spice that can be used for protection, love and fidelity. Add this herb to any spell where the goal is to sweeten somebody on you. Cook some Cumin into the food you serve your marriage partner to help ensure fidelity.

To create house blessing incense blend together equal parts Bay Leaf and Cumin, burn the mixture on activated charcoal. To produce protective energy mix Cumin with salt and sprinkle it around the home as a floor sweep. Let the salt and Cumin stay on your floors for at least an hour before sweeping the mix out the front door onto the front yard or the front parking lot. Cumin is associated with the element of fire and the planet Mars.

"Boss Be Good" Oil Recipe

If you want to have control over your boss or coworkers this oil recipe may be able to help.

To create this recipe you will need ⅓ cup sunflower oil, ½ tsp dried Cumin, 5 drops Orange essential oil, 4 drops Clove essential oil, 3 small pieces of Master Root and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place the dried ingredients into the bottle, tell them it's their job to help you control your boss and/or co-workers. Heat the sunflower oil on the stovetop at the low setting. Pour the heated oil into the bottle, screw on the lid and shake it 7 times. Leave the bottle on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oils and the jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, shake the bottle 7 times and say the following words over it 7 times.-

"I Am A Figure Of Respect, My Words Are Worth Listening To, I Am Worthy Of Promotions & Raises."

Place the bottle in a cool, dark area where nobody will find it. For the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

One of the more popular ways to use this kind of oil is to rub a small amount on the soles of your shoes and walk all around the perimeter of your workplace as you say prayers of intention (quietly). You can use the oil to anoint magick bags, ritual candles, crystals and sigils. It can be added to spiritual baths or you can wear a small amount mixed in with your hair care products or perfume. If your primary goal is to make more money at work, anoint your wallet or purse with a few drops of the oil every week.

"The King In Yellow" Book Review

"The King In Yellow" is a weird collection of short stories by American author Robert W. Chambers. It was published in 1895 and had a profound impact on the later work of author H.P. Lovecraft. "The King In Yellow" is the title of a play that is referenced repeatedly throughout the short stories within the book, especially in the first 4 tales. There are only small snippets of text from the 1st act of the play sprinkled throughout the stories. Reading act 2 drives people insane within the universe of the book. After the first 4 stories the rest of the book barely mentions the cursed play or its effects on people at all. I get the impression the publisher included these later stories simply for the sake of increasing the book's word count.

The King In Yellow is a shady figure who expresses its power not only through the cursed play but also by a cursed yellow sign. He holds control over anyone who's read the play or encountered the yellow sign. The impression I got is that the King In Yellow is an Eldritch Horror that uses words and images like a virus, infecting host after host to bring them under his will. Apparently in the Cthulhu mythos he is known as "Hastur" and is brother to Cthulhu, although he made his first official appearance as a relatively benign character in a story by Ambrose Pierce a few years before the publication of this book.

I think the main theme of this book is that there's a certain power in words and that one should be mindful of what kind of work they put out into the world, lest they open the gateway for something truly horrific to enter and infect the minds of their readers.

Hops Dream Pillows

Hops Flowers have the ability to aid in healing spells, help prevent nightmares and bring lucky dreams. Hops Flowers make a great stuffing for Dream Pillows. These pillows were originally made to soothe hospital patients by overpowering the smell of foul medicines with strong, relaxing herbal scents.

To create a Dream Pillow place Lavender, Angelica Root and Hops Flowers in a small silk or cloth bag and sew it shut, place it under or next to your pillow while you sleep. Other herbs that can be added to Dream Pillows are Chamomile, Mugwort, Catnip, Jasmine, Passion Flower, Lilac and Rosemary. Hops is associated with the element of air and the planet Mars.

Blue Lotus Dreaming Wine Recipe

Blue Lotus is a species of beautiful water-dwelling flowers. The flowers and stamen can be smoked, infused in wine or drunk as a tea to induce lucid dreaming, enhance intuition and calm the mind and body. Be careful, when this plant is smoked or taken in large amounts it has mild psychoactive effects.

To create Blue Lotus-Infused Wine you will need 1 bottle red wine and 1 ounce fresh Blue Lotus Flowers. Pour ½ cup of wine out of the bottle to make room. Use a Coffee grinder or mortar and pestle to crush up the Blue Lotus Flowers. Use a funnel to stuff the flower material into the bottle. Put the cork back in the bottle and shake it several times, put the bottle in the fridge or a cool, dark place. Shake the bottle 1-2 times a day every day for 1-2 weeks. Use a cheesecloth or muslin bag to strain out the plant material. Give the clump of herbs one last squeeze to get every drop of liquid out. Your Blue Lotus Wine is now ready for consumption. Blue Lotus is associated with the element of water and the Moon.

Alyssum Flowers To Block Manipulation Spells

If you suspect that somebody is trying to cast confusion or glamour spells on you Alyssum Flowers can block their efforts. To prevent other witches from using magick to mess with your head place a muslin bag filled with these pretty little flowers above your bed.

To get a more powerful result plant an Alyssum Flower bush in front of your bedroom window. If you live in an apartment you can get a potted version of the plant and place it next to your bedroom window from the inside of the home. Sweet Alyssum is associated with the element of air and the planet Mercury.

The Rose Of Jericho

The Rose Of Jericho is a tumbleweed species that has the ability to help attract abundance & prosperity. This plant soaks up negative energy in the immediate area and thus can be a lovely addition to an altar or placed by the front door as a friendly greeter to all your guests.

When you first receive your Rose Of Jericho it will be dry and shriveled up. Put a tiny amount of water on a plate, just enough that you can place the roots of the plant in the water and leave it alone for 24 hours. When you come back the Rose Of Jericho will have brightened and opened up. Take whatever water is left in the bowl after the Rose Of Jericho has had a drink and use the water to bless yourself, your family members or as a wash on your altar. Give the Rose Of Jericho a little bit of fresh, clean water to replace what you take.

Make sure that every couple weeks you give the plant about a week without exposure to any water so it can dry out. This species doesn't handle constant moisture very well.

"The Void" Movie Review

"You'd be surprised at the things you find when you go looking." "The Void" is an eerie Lovecraftian horror film written and directed by Steven Kostanski and Jeremy Gillespie. I've always been a fan of cosmic horror so I thought it might be fun to seek this movie out and write a review. There will be heavy spoilers ahead so if you want to skip all of that head to the last paragraph.

James (Evan Stern) tries to escape a farmhouse by running off into the woods. A screaming woman attempts to follow him but gets shot. While lying on the ground a couple of men cover her with gasoline and set her on fire. The image of a figure covered in a white sheet emblazoned with a black triangle appears for a moment before the opening credits start playing. Deputy Sheriff Daniel Carter (Aaron Poole) is sitting in his patrol car when he comes across James crawling along the road. Daniel takes him to the mostly abandoned hospital where his estranged wife Allison (Kathleen Munroe) works as a nurse.

The hospital is operating with a very small crew composed of Dr. Richard Powell (Kenneth Welsh), intern Kim (Ellen Wong) and nurse Beverly (Stephanie Belding).

Among the patients are pregnant Maggie (Grace Munro), her grandfather Ben (James Millington), and Cliff (Matt Kennedy). Daniel is horrified to discover Beverly murdering Cliff. Beverly is in some kind of trance and the skin has been flayed from her face. Daniel shoots her when she tries to attack him. He starts having a seizure and experiences a strange vision.

State trooper Mitchell (Art Hindle) arrives at the hospital to get James after coming across the carnage at the farmhouse. Daniel goes outside so he can call in the death of Beverly but he's confronted by a robed cultist. They fight and the cultist stabs Daniel. Despite his injury he manages to get back into the hospital. The cultists surround the building in a scene that brings the movie "Assault on Precinct 13" to mind. Daniel, James and Mitchell realize the corpse of Beverly has become a disgusting, tentacle monster. Simon and Vincent enter the hospital and hold the group at gunpoint, they make it clear that they are after James. Fearful for his life, James takes Maggie hostage and stabs Powell. The Beverly corpse monster penetrates the body of Mitchell with its tentacles. Simon and Vincent kill the monster and reconvene with everybody in the lobby. They set Mitchell's body on fire and send it out the door on a stretcher, afraid that his corpse might also become a monster. Simon and Vincent head off with Daniel to get a shotgun from the patrol car. Allison goes down into the basement to collect medical supplies so she can deliver Maggie's baby but she's captured by Powell.

Vincent and Daniel search for Allison and find evidence that indicates Powell is the leader of the cult. Powell calls Daniel on the phone to taunt him. Vincent, Simon and Daniel interrogate James while Ben and Kim stay with Maggie. James reveals that Powell has the power to change people. The men head downstairs and force James to come with them. Allison awakens on an operating table. Powell explains that he figured out a way to cheat death after his daughter Sarah passed away. The doctor has torn away the skin from his face and clearly gone mad. Alison is horrified to find something is growing inside of her. Vincent, Daniel, Simon, and James end up surrounded by terrifying zombies. James is killed and the rest of the men become separated.

Maggie starts giving birth, Kim realizes she needs to perform a C-section and starts to panic. Ben begs Kim to do it but then Maggie slits his throat. It turns out she is carrying Dr. Powell's child. Kim hides as the cultists enter the building and Maggie leaves. Daniel is horrified to find Allison in the operating room pregnant with a tentacle monster that is extending from her body. Daniel attacks the mutated remains of his wife's body with an axe. He's then transported to a morgue with a luminescent triangle on the wall. The voice of Powell tells Daniel that he has the ability to conquer life and death.

Maggie suddenly appears and stabs Daniel. Powell goes before the triangle and Maggie kneels before him. He is skinless by this point and beginning to mutate. Powell repeats an incantation before the triangle, Maggie's torso explodes and out crawls a monster version of Sarah. Vincent and Simon battle the Sarah-monster. The Sarah-monster overwhelms Vincent but he manages to cover it with alcohol. Simon sets them both on fire.

Powell tells Daniel he can be with Allison if he gives up. Daniel resists and attacks him. Both men fall into the void. Meanwhile the Sarah-monster pursues Simon, fortunately he escapes and is teleported back to the hospital where he meets up with Kim. The film ends with Daniel and Allison reunited, holding hands together in a strange world beneath a black pyramid.

The best part of this movie is the special effects. I don't know how they managed to do such a great job bringing Lovecraftian horrors to life with such a small budget but they pulled it off. Most of the film has this yellowish color that gives the entire setting a feeling of being diseased. The acting is on-par with what one might find on a network television show. There's a little more shaky cam than I would have liked but again, limited

budget. The story is your standard cosmic horror evil cultist plot but it's still entertaining. If you're a fan of horror watch this one alone late at night.

"The Great God Pan" Novella Review

Arthur Machen was inspired to write this novella after a trip to the ruins of a pagan temple in Wales. The completed work was published in 1894. At the time "The Great God Pan" was given bad reviews due to implied sexual activity within the narrative, however a lot of famous authors such as H. P. Lovecraft adored the story and by the 1920s it had been re-evaluated. Nowadays this mysterious tale of the supernatural is considered one of the greatest horror stories of all time. This review contains spoilers up until the last paragraph.

A man named Clarke witnesses a weird experiment by his friend Dr. Raymond. Raymond wants to know if he can enable the brain to see the supernatural world. He performs a minor brain surgery on a young woman named Mary. Once the surgery is over Mary at first seems in awe of what she's seeing but then she starts to panic. The shock of whatever it is she saw leaves her stuck in a paralyzed, vegetative state.

Several years later Clarke comes to learn of a strange girl named Helen who has apparently caused many odd happenings in her small town. She enjoys going out to the woods by herself all day and often takes neighborhood children with her. During one of these outings she brings a young local boy along. He stumbles across her playing in a field with a frightening naked man, when the boy later sees the image of a roman statue with a satyr head he becomes struck with permanent mental illness.

Helen develops a very strong friendship with a girl named Rachel. They disappear into the woods several times. One day Rachel comes home with her clothes half torn-off, freaking out. Rachel later wanders off into the woods and is never seen again.

More years pass, Helen grows up to be an absolute devil of a woman, all around her men are dying in one way or another. It turns out that she is the supernatural daughter of Mary. The protagonists hunt Helen down and convince her to commit suicide before they expose her. She transforms several times before finally dying.

This story is eerie but it's very much a product of its time. Victorian era writing tends towards unironic melodrama and this novella is no exception. I wish the author would have learned how to use a period. This book is filled to the brim with run-on sentences that can go on for up to half a page at a time. Still, the mystery thriller elements of the story combined with the supernatural aspects kept my interest the entire time. If you're a horror fan you should read this if only for its historical significance, it may not be my cup of tea but I can see why so many people like it.

Caraway Seeds For Protection From The Evil Eye

Caraway Seeds are the dried fruit of the carum carvi, a member of the parsley family. This delicious spice also provides protection from curses caused unknowingly by jealous individuals (commonly known as "the evil eye").

If you would like to create a magick bag to provide protection for your youngest children place some Myrrh Resin, Caraway Seeds, Basil, Angelica Root and Flax Seeds into a white silk or flannel bag. Hold the bag in front of you and say the following prayer over it 7 times-

"Shield My Little One, Drive Away Evil, Ensure The Health Of My Little One, Protect My Little One."

Anoint the bag with a few drops of blessing oil or protection oil if you have it, If not you can use Rosemary essential oil. Place the magick bag above the crib of your child or hide it inside their stroller. If you have an older child the bag can be placed under their mattress. Caraway Seeds are associated with the element of air and the planet Mercury.

Child Protection Oil Recipe

There are few things more precious in this world than children. If you're worried that harm might come to your little ones this oil recipe can help provide a little extra protection to them.

To create this recipe you will need ⅓ cup olive oil, 3 small pieces Angelica Root, ½ tsp Basil, ½ tsp Caraway Seeds, ½ tsp Flax Seeds, 10 drops Rosemary essential oil and 15 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Cleanse the inside and outside of a glass carrier bottle with incense smoke.

Place all of the herbs into the bottle, tell them to protect your children. Heat the olive oil on the stovetop at the low setting, pour the heated oil into the bottle and screw on the lid. Shake the bottle 7 times and leave it on the countertop until it cools down. Add the essential oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil, screw on the lid and shake the bottle 7 times, say the following prayer over it 7 times-

"Protect My Children From Evil Spirits, Protect My Children From Evil People, Protect My Children From Harm!"

Place the oil in a cool, dark place where nobody will find it. Every day for the next 10 days repeat the above process, after the 10th session your oil will be ready.

The best way to use this oil on your children is to apply a couple drops on the back of their neck, if your child has extremely sensitive skin you can rub a small amount of the oil on their backpack or the inside of a beloved comfort toy. This oil can also be used to anoint ritual candles, magick bags, crystals or protection sigils.

Aleister Crowley Oil Recipe

This oil summons the spirit of Aleister Crowley. I created this oil because I kept encountering people who insisted they were the reincarnation of Aleister Crowley and I wanted to be able to prove them wrong. This spirit is generally friendly and helpful but he can be a little full of himself. To create this oil you will need 1 red candle, ¼ cup olive oil, Frankincense Resin, a glass carrier bottle, Ginger essential oil, Patchouli essential oil, ½ tsp Wormwood, ½ tsp Violet Flowers, ½ tsp Lilac Flowers, 1 tsp crushed Myrrh Resin, 3 small pieces of Master Root and 10 drops jojoba oil or vitamin E oil. Start by cleansing the inside and outside of the bottle and red candle with Frankincense smoke.

Anoint the red candle with Ginger essential oil and set it aside. Place the dried ingredients and 7 drops of Patchouli essential oil in the bottle. As you add each ingredient, tell the item that its job is to help you summon the spirit of Aleister Crowley. Pour the olive oil and jojoba oil or vitamin E oil into the bottle and shake it 7 times. Every time you shake the bottle imagine a burst of energy erupting forth. Say the following words over the oil 7 times in a row-

"Do What Thou Wilt Shall Be The Whole Of The Law, Love Is The Law, Love Under Will".

Put the bottle at the base of the red candle so that the candle and bottle are touching. Light the candle with a match, spend 1 hour visualizing beams of purple light being pulled out of the flame and redirected into the bottle. Repeat this process every day for 14 days. After the 14th session your oil will be ready to manifest the spirit.

To summon Mr. Crowley cleanse a white candle with Frankincense smoke and set it aside. Place 9 drops of the oil in your left hand and rub them together. Proceed to rub your hands all over the white candle until it's covered with the oil and light it with a match.

Mr. Crowley is very fond of strawberry bon bons (especially of the old English style) and cigars as offerings. When the spirit has had his fill of the treats you can get rid of the sweets and smokes by taking them to a graveyard. Leave the offerings by the front gate, best of luck to you!

Magical Resources On Youtube.com

"Witch, Please!"

This is a channel that combines teachings from Wicca, Voodoo, Santeria, Witchcraft and Hoodoo.

YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/c/WitchPlease

"Magical Crafting"

An arts & crafts show for witches featuring recipes. These videos feature a variety of DIY magical tools & candle projects.

YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/c/MagicalCrafting

"Aquarian Soul"

This channel is about how to make different spiritual oils, spell powders, floor washes and beauty recipes.

YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/c/AquarianSoul

"Conjured Cardea"

Official website: Conjuredcardea.com

Mama Sarah discusses the basic fundamentals of spirit work and witchcraft.

YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/c/ConjuredCardea

MEAT BRAIN: Chapter 1

Janus was annoyed to realize there was only a cup's worth of coffee left in the serving pots. She was waiting tables during the graveyard shift by herself and her coworker had neglected to put on a new pot before going home for the night. She sighed and started to set up a filter when she heard the bell ring, signaling the arrival of a customer.

"Just a minute hon," she said sweetly. Janus had been working in diners and restaurants for 30 years and she knew just the right tone of voice to use to make a good first impression. She needed the tips, her cats and husband weren't going to be able to feed themselves.

A tan, muscular, dark-haired man in a cut-off button-up shirt and zubaz shorts stepped through the door, he had somebody flung over his shoulder. The large man was covered from head to foot in dried purple stains, his clothing was torn and he seemed…off somehow. The figure hanging limply from his shoulder appeared to be a pale, thin bespeckled man in his thirties who was already balding slightly. An odd odor of rotten fish seemed to waft off of them.

"What's wrong with your friend?" she asked, wondering if she was going to have to call emergency services.

"Oh, him?" The man replied, looking mildly puzzled, "He's fine, he and those goofy nerds he hangs out with were doing some science stuff and now he's tired, is there a bathroom where I can wash this gunk off?" He asked, motioning to his stained appearance with his free hand.

"The restroom is in the back, down the hall to the right," She replied.

"Okay, I'm just going to leave my roommate here." He said as he tucked the limp man's body into a booth. He whistled and headed off towards the

men's room.

Janus went over to take a look at the man in the booth, his eyes were open but they seemed to see nothing. A thin line of drool was forming at the corner of his mouth. "Maybe he's drunk" she thought to herself. She put down a couple of empty water glasses, poured a drink for both men and went over to check on her other customer.

Albert was a late-night regular, he always came in at 2 a.m. to order the Oreo pie and several cups of coffee. He was a middle-aged, portly man in a faded off-the-rack brown business suit and was always busy writing something or other in his notebooks, about what Janus had no idea. Albert seemed harmless enough so she never gave it any thought.

"Can I get you more coffee hon?" She asked.

"What? Oh yes, please, I'm almost done with this cup," he said as he handed the mug to her. She poured him the last bit of coffee in the pot. She took a quick glance behind her to make sure the muscular man hadn't returned yet, leaned down and whispered to Albert-

"There's something really odd about those guys."

Albert took a sip of coffee, grimaced a little at its bitterness and responded "Oh, I'm sorry, I was going over some notes, I hadn't even noticed them."

Janus sighed inwardly and continued-

"Maybe I'm being paranoid but it's just you and me in this restaurant, maybe keep an eye on them, just in case."

There was the sudden sound of footsteps coming towards them and Janus snapped back to attention and grabbed a couple menus. The well-built man seated himself opposite from his companion. His skin and most of his clothes were dyed a deep purple color. The rotten fish smell coming off him was really bad and Janus tried her best to hide her revulsion. She

wondered how Albert could have missed the smell when the man first came in, but then she remembered that Albert was a heavy smoker. She had once heard her co-worker say something about how smoking kills the sense of smell.

"Can I get you anything to drink tonight, coffee? Soda?" She asked.

The man ordered a diet cola and went to look at the menu. His companion gurgled and curled up into the fetal position.

"Is he going to have anything to drink?" She asked as the thin man started muttering to himself. The muscular man glanced at him and in a loud voice said-

"Hey Mikey, you want something to drink?" His companion waved his hand aimlessly and continued hugging his knees. The large man went back to his menu and said "naw, water's fine, could I get a 6 egg vegetable omelet? Had to miss my last meal time, damn monster ate all my Power Bars, how am I supposed to keep muscle synthesis going when I don't get my protein on time?" Janus had no idea what to say so she nodded nervously. He looked over at Mikey and said-

"Just get him toast, all he ever eats is carbs." Janus nodded, took their menus and left. Albert watched her head off to the kitchen and looked back at the strange man. He gathered up his notebooks and headed to the booth. The large man noticed his approach and looked at him quizzically.

"Yeah?" He said. Albert composed himself and asked-

"Excuse me, you were attacked by a monster?"

The muscular man looked slightly annoyed and said-

"Yeah, the monster ate my Power Bars, I had to kick his ass."

"Ah, right," Albert responded. "My name is Albert, I run a website called "Paranormal Glop" and I was curious if I could write down your story and post it for my readers?"

The muscle-bound man looked confused and replied-

"Website? What's a website?"

Albert smiled amicably and replied-

"Websites are found on the internet, they're like a personal newspaper or book that multiple people can post on in a digital format."

The man looked at Albert blankly and replied-

"What's an internet?"

Albert was surprised by this response, the internet had been discussed widely in print and on television for the last couple years. Albert guessed that this man's ignorance probably resulted from watching nothing but action movies and fitness tapes. Still, he had encountered far worse in his efforts to gather interesting content and was unperturbed by the man's response. Albert continued-

"It doesn't really matter, I'm just interested in writing down and sharing the story of your encounter with this...monster, if that's all right."

Janus came with the diet cola, set it on the table, gave Albert a quick glance and headed back to start the coffee machine. The muscular man took a large sip of the diet cola and said-

"Why not? Don't got anything to do until dinner."

Albert grinned and dragged the chair from his table over to the booth. He grabbed his coffee cup, set his notebooks on the table, brought out a couple of blue ballpoint pens from his pocket and said-

"If it's alright I would prefer to use your real name on the site, although I understand if you would prefer a pseudonym." The muscular man looked at him blankly. Albert elaborated-

"You know, a pretend name to hide your identity?"

The muscular man had a sudden look of apprehension and said-

"Oh, you mean like a superhero name. Nah, those are for nerds, my name's Alonso".

Albert started to write, he gestured towards Michael and said-

"Should I give him a pseudonym? I'm assuming he's a part of your story but he seems rather out of it." Mikey responded to this inquiry by continuing to drool.

"I guess," replied Alonso.

"So let's get into what happened tonight" said Albert as he uncapped a pen. The story told over the course of that evening in the diner was one of the strangest that Albert would ever hear.

Chapter 2

Alonso began recounting what happened-

"The whole thing started this morning. I was going to go to the gym but Mikey said he'd pay me $100 and buy dinner if I helped him move a bunch of heavy equipment. I figured hey, easy money. I carried all these big machines and weird bat-octopus statues into the back of a trailer and we drove out to a grimy little house in the middle of nowhere, then we-"

"Wait, bat-octopus statues?" Albert asked, Alonso nodded and continue

"Yeah, these things were like 3 feet tall, made of some kind of stone, it was a real pain dealing with those damn wings, they kept poking everything while I was trying to move stuff around."

Albert scribbled furiously. He wished he had his tape recorder, his wrist would hurt in the morning but hopefully this story would be worth it. Albert drank the rest of his coffee and asked-

"When you say the middle of nowhere do you know the specific location?"

Alonso took a piece of paper from his shorts. It was stained dark purple and appeared moist to the touch. He looked over it for a second, turned to Albert and said-

"Mikey had me drive, the guy never got a license, he put the address of that dump on this piece of paper." He took another look at it. "It's a place called Davenport, there's nothing out there, it's just some patches of woods and flatland about a half-hour drive from Spokane."

Albert wrote this down and said "thanks, my readers are going to want as many specifics as possible." Alonso shrugged his shoulders, Albert continued- "So anyway, this house where you were making the delivery,

describe it." Alonso was about to answer when Janus came over with a large, steaming vegetable omelet and a plate of toast with butter and a couple of jelly packets. She set down the dishes, looked at Albert and said-

"Looks like you're all getting along, need more coffee Albert?"

He nodded and she headed off to grab a pot. Alonso started wolfing down mouthfuls of omelet. Albert realized it would be at least a couple minutes before Alonso was up to talking so he excused himself to hit the restroom and smoke a cigarette.

Albert had just gone out the front door when Mikey let out a low groan. Alonso looked at him and said-

"I told you not to hang out with those weirdos but you didn't listen to me, I said that professor guy was a creep but no, you're just so smart and I'm the dumb guy, right?" Mikey sat up and stared out the window. Alonso took another huge bite and said "Just eat your toast, Mikey". Mikey didn't respond.

Albert lit a menthol cigarette and stood by the door of the diner, watching the smoke disappear into the night air. He was quite happy with the way things had turned out tonight, it didn't matter if the story was true or not so long as it might be interesting, that was all most of his readers seemed to care about. He had written outrageous tales about alien abductions, telekinesis, spontaneous human combustion and other things of that sort. He hoped that someday he might get a TV deal out of his work or at least make a lot of money on the convention circuit.

When he'd finished his cigarette he came back into the diner and sat in his seat. Alonso was cleaning up with a napkin and Mikey was chewing on a jelly packet. Albert uncapped his pen and said-

"So you were going to describe the house to me?" Alonso stretched, he seemed more relaxed than before. He took a sip of his soda and said-

"So the house was run down, had these broken vehicles in front, couple of the windows were broken. I had to lug all the equipment and those statues up to the second floor. The staircase was so rickety I thought I'd fall through. Really dusty, played hell on my sinuses." He rubbed his nose at this and continued.

"So I got all this stuff upstairs, the place was damp, smelled bad, I think it was an abandoned house. That professor guy and his assistant were chatting about...I didn't know what most of the words meant, `bunch of science stuff."

Albert perked up at this- "professor?"

Alonso nodded and replied-

"Yeah, Professor Miller, really weird looking guy, bony like a skeleton, he kept going on and on about...port holes? Don't know, creepy dude."

Mikey bit through the jelly packet. The grape-flavor goo sprayed out and most of it landed on Albert's notebook. Albert wiped the jelly off with Mikey's unused napkin and went back to writing. Alonso continued-

"So they had me arrange those goofy statues. They start wiring the equipment up. By that point I hadn't eaten in hours so I ate a lean turkey sandwich out of my gym bag. One of the guys is freaking out about something in a book and they all start arguing with each other. I didn't know what they were talking about so I just zoned out. I was so bored I put on my Walk-Man to listen to some Ozzy for maybe half an hour."

Alonso finished his soda, Mikey had taken to licking the remains of the smeared jelly off the table. Alonso continued-

"The professor was yelling at the other guys. I figure I had time to put in some cardio for the day so I went for a run up and down the driveway for a while. When I got back I was hungry so I grabbed a Power Bar and drank a bottle of water. By this point the professor was yelling at Mikey about the

"port hole" or whatever, I was tired so I went out to the truck to take a nap."

Albert finished writing his notes. Alonso sat there silently, staring into his empty glass of soda with an expression of aggravation. Albert turned to him and asked-

"So then what happened?" Alonso looked at him and said-

"Then I met the monster."

Chapter 3

Alonso ordered a refill of diet cola and resumed his story-

"When I woke up it was night time. I was starving, figured a couple of Power Bars would tide me over 'til dinner. The house was dark and the light switches didn't work so I headed back to the truck to grab my flashlight. I climbed the stairs, one of the steps broke under my foot, barely caught myself on the rail in time."

Janus came over and set the refill of diet cola on the table, Albert motioned to his coffee cup and said-

"Do you think you could top me off Janus? I'd also enjoy another piece of that Oreo pie", she nodded and said-

"You know we always got extra pie for you, Albert, all you have to do is ask". She went off to grab the pie and coffee. Alonso had finished half his refill already. Mikey was staring up at the whirring ceiling fan. Alonso scratched his head and said-

"I got to the top of the stairs, even with the flashlight it was hard to move around without knocking into stuff. The house smelled even worse than before, like this one time when our power went out and some hamburger in the fridge went bad. I bumped into something on the floor and nearly tripped, it was Mikey."

Alonso stopped and looked at Mikey pointedly, Mikey didn't seem to notice, Alonso kept talking-

"I told Mikey I wanted to head out to get dinner and he just lay there on the floor saying nothing. I headed off to the room where they had me move all that stuff. The smell got worse and I started noticing a noise like an opossum tearing through a garbage can."

Alonso stopped talking, a look of discomfort crossed his face, he turned to Albert and said-

"I have to go to the bathroom, it's all the caffeine in these things" He said, motioning to his soda, "really dehydrates you.'Scuse me for a second."

Alonso got up and headed for the restroom. Janus brought Albert his pie and coffee. She looked directly at Mikey and said-

"Well, at least you're awake, you going to eat your toast hon?" Mickey responded with a single, guttural word-

"Yjuityl"

Janus paused a second and responded-

"What was that hon?" Mikey ignored her and started eating a sugar packet, paper and all. She sighed and turned to Albert. He grinned and shook his head. Mikey was clearly several sandwiches short of a picnic. Janus frowned slightly, nodded and headed off to fold some silverware. Albert started on his pie, it was quite delicious.

Alonso returned to the table. He looked disapprovingly at Albert's dessert but decided not to say anything about it, the only people who ever took his nutritional advice were those who hired him as a personal trainer and that wasn't even a given half the time. Alonso cleared his throat and looked at Albert. The chubby man set aside his frosting-encrusted fork and grabbed his pen. Alonso continued his story-

"So I found my way to the room and it was a mess, the equipment and statues had been thrown around. I didn't see the professor or that other guy, I don't know if they ran from the house or what. The smell was overpowering, I looked in the corner and found out what was causing the noise. There was this...thing"

"The monster?" Asked Albert. Alonso nodded. "What did it look like?" Albert asked as he reached for his coffee cup. Alonso furrowed his brow and rested his chin on the palm of his hand. After about a minute of contemplation he replied-

"It looked like a moray eel, at least in the face. The body was about 9 ft. long, had at least 3 or 4 pairs of legs, really long limbs, dark gray or blue skin. I was just going to grab Mikey and get the hell out of there when I realized it had been rummaging through my gym bag. I was starving and this ugly, stinking eel-monster was chowing down on my Power Bars."

Alonso became visibly angry, his nostrils flared and he gritted his teeth. He punched his fist into his open palm and seethed for a few moments before regaining his composure. Albert took a couple bites of Oreo pie. Alonso continued his story.

"I was so angry I couldn't think straight. I lifted one of the bat-octopus statues and threw it at the thing. It got hit hard enough it screamed in pain, sounded like a squealing tire. The statue started glowing with this really bright green light, seemed like it was burning the creature. I grabbed the closest blunt object and just started beating the crap out of that thing. The light was so bright it was almost blinding but I was just so mad that I kept hitting it and hitting it. When I punched it in the eye it exploded all over me, that's why I was such a mess when I came in here-"

"Hold on a minute," said Albert. The ink had run out in his pen and he had to switch over to the other one. "That's what I get for using cheap disposable ballpoints" he thought to himself. Albert tossed the empty pen over his shoulder and uncapped the second. "Sorry about that," he said. Alonso recounted the end of his tale.

Chapter 4

"So this eel thing tried to bite me. I kept punching it and then the statue melted. A bright green light burst from the ground and enormous tentacles came out of the glow, they grabbed the monster and pulled it into the light. The tentacles tried to get me too but I fell backwards and rolled away."

Alonso finished his refill and resumed talking-

"I got up, ran out of the room and grabbed Mikey. One of the tentacles came after us but I got to the stairway just in time. I headed out of the house, threw Mikey in the truck and just kept driving as fast as I could until I came across this diner."

Albert scribbled all of this down furiously. He was already thinking of how he would stitch together a graphic to go with the article. Perhaps he would embellish the story a little, whatever it took to get people to mass-email the article to their friends and coworkers. Janus came to the table and asked-

"Can I get either of you anything else?" Alonso shook his head. Janus replied, "All right, I'll get your bill." She headed for the register, inwardly relieved the odd pair would be leaving soon. Albert closed his notebook and got up to leave. He shook hands with Alonso and headed for the door. Janus brought the check over to the booth.

Alonso pushed the bill at Mikey, Mikey drooled.

The bill ended up being paid with a smelly, purple-stained credit card. Alonso managed to get Mikey to his feet and direct him to the door. Some of the words he said rather loudly to Mikey would not have been appropriate had children been present but the restaurant was empty.

Janus went to go wipe the jelly stains off the table when the bell at the door rang.

A dozen tall, dark individuals in long, black robes entered the diner. They had strange white symbols emblazoned on the sides of their vestments and wore their hoods pulled so far forward she couldn't see their faces. Janus hesitated for a moment, but then she put on her brightest smile and said-

"Hello there, out for a late-night meal?" They said nothing. She continued- "Well, seat yourselves and I'll be right over."

One of the hooded figures approached her. He stood a few feet from her, completely silent. She tensed up. He turned his dark gaze to the corner and pointed his long, bony finger at the coffee pots on the burner. Janus responded-

"Are you saying you want some coffee, hon?" The figure nodded, turned around and pointed at each of his associates. Janus replied-

"All of you want to order coffee?" The figure nodded. He turned to the front counter and pointed to a large picture on the wall. She looked and said-

"So you're saying you all want coffee and a piece of Oreo pie?"

The hooded figures all nodded in unison. They sat themselves down at the booths and Janus went to start the coffee.

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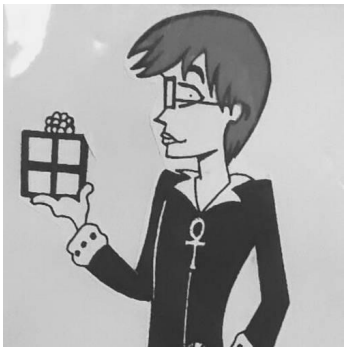
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